

The Supremacy of Christ
Hebrews 1:1-4

Getting Started

- ❖ There are sectors within Christianity that view the word “doctrine” with suspicion or worse. The cry is for “practical” teaching and “relevance”. While it isn’t wrong for us to want teaching that connects with where we live, why is starting with “doctrine” as the Author does so necessary?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. (Takeaway Truth) Jesus is our perfect and Supreme King, Prophet, and Priest.
2. So What?

Digging Deeper (Read the sermon text again and discuss the following questions.)

- ❖ What does it mean that Christ has been appointed heir of all things?
- ❖ Let’s parse verse 3:
 - What does Jesus show us about the nature of God?
 - What astonishing feat is attributed to the word of Christ?
 - What was Jesus’ primary ministry on earth?
 - What did Jesus do after completing his earthly ministry?
- ❖ What is the significance of verse 3? What is being said here?
- ❖ How would these statements have affected the original audience. Remember what they were facing or considering!
- ❖ Why do you think the author of Hebrews made such a point of Christ deity to these Hebrew Christians?
- ❖ The sermon dug into the reality that Jesus is our Prophet, Priest, and King. How would you describe each of these offices in light of Jesus--- his person, work, and ongoing ministry?
- ❖ What characteristics of Jesus stood out to you from this passage? How did those encourage you?

Apply It!

- ❖ What difference does it make to you that Jesus is the “heir of all things” and that the world was created through Him?
- ❖ What difference does it make to you that Jesus sustains everything by his powerful word?

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- ❖ How do you remind yourself that Jesus is the son of God and worth following with your life?

Think About It!

In short, the first three verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews are some of the most remarkable in all of Scripture. Consider the doctrines embedded in them:

- *Revelation*
- *Creation*
- *The Trinity*
- *The Relationship of the Old and New Testaments*
- *Christology*
- *Atonement*

Even more, consider the wonderfully high Christology that the author has presented in just a few words. Christ is the ...

- *Son of God*
- *Revelation of God*
- *Fulfillment of God's Revelation in the Old Testament*
- *Heir of All Things*
- *Agent of Creation*
- *Radiance of God's Glory*
- *Expression of God's Nature*
- *Preserver of All Creation*
- *Purifier of God's People*
- *Mediator for God's People*

Hebrews is not for the theologically faint of heart. Hebrews is for those whose endurance will be richly rewarded with a remarkable portrait of Christ. Let us treasure him, our Creator and Redeemer. He is worthy, for he is supreme over all things. (Al Mohler)