



Sermon Series: Upside Down Christmas
Text: Hebrews 2:10-18
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Upside Down Comfort

Big Idea: Jesus gave up his comfort at Christmas so that we might find comfort in Him.

Question: Why did Jesus become a man and suffer?

Answer #1: Jesus became a man and suffered to make _____ His _____! (vs. 10-13)

1. *Comfort: Because Jesus is our older brother, what's _____ is also _____.*
2. *Challenge: We will experience _____ just like our Older Brother experienced _____.* (1 Peter 4:13)

Answer #2: Jesus became a man and suffered to _____ us from _____! (vs. 14-15)

1. *Comfort: Jesus has emptied sin of its power to _____.*
2. *Comfort: Jesus has emptied _____ (in all its forms) of its power to _____.*
3. *Challenge: God often does His _____ through our _____.*

Answer #3: Jesus became a man and suffered to _____ us in our time of _____! (vs. 16-18)

1. *Comfort: There is nothing we face that Jesus is not able to _____ and _____ us through.* (Hebrews 4:15-16)
2. *Challenge: It's often in our most _____ moments that we most fully _____ the help of Jesus.*

What are some of the ways we associate comfort with good circumstances? How might we especially do this at Christmas? What's the danger of looking for comfort in our circumstances?

What comfort can we find in the fact that Jesus is our older brother?

- *Why is the truth that Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters good news? How is that especially good news when we feel ashamed or weak?*

Read 1 Peter 4:13 (and Philippians 3:10). Why would we rejoice when we experience suffering? What comfort can we find in Jesus as our older brother in the midst of suffering?

What are reasons that we might fear death? What are types of death (losses) we might fear in this life? How does Jesus empty death (in all its forms) of its power?

How have you experienced the comfort of Jesus as you've walked through the 'worst' in your own life?

In what ways is Jesus a merciful and faithful high priest to us?

Why is it good news that Jesus understands us and all that we might go through in this life?

What are some of the things that would keep you from going to Jesus seeking his help for whatever you are facing?

Where do you most need to experience the comfort of Jesus this Christmas? What comfort do you most need him to provide you with?

How has experiencing Jesus' comfort in your own life helped you to be better at offering comfort to other people around you?

Further Resources

- [Not Born Ready: Why Jesus Went to High Priest Training School – Justin Dillehay](#)
- [Christmas Is For Freedom – John Piper](#)