



Sermon series: Better  
 Text: Hebrews 1:1-4  
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## Introduction to Hebrews – Jesus is Better

*BIG IDEA: Jesus Is Better.*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

The Author of Hebrews:	The Date of Hebrews:
The Recipients of Hebrews:	The Style and Setting of Hebrews:

#### JESUS IS. . .

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| <p>1. The F_____ W_____</p> <p>2. The S_____ of G_____</p> <p>3. The H_____ of All Things</p> <p>4. The C_____ of the W_____</p> | <p>5. The R_____ L_____</p> <p>6. The I_____ of G_____</p> <p>7. The S_____ of the U_____</p> <p>8. The H_____ P_____ of Perfection</p> <p>9. S_____ to the A_____</p> |
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Complete these phrases: "Classic rock is good: \_\_\_\_\_ is better!" "Cooking at home is good: \_\_\_\_\_ is better!" "Eating out is good. \_\_\_\_\_ is better!" With your Care Group, family or friends, have each of you come up with an additional similar phrase?

Why do you think that we are that way? In other words, why do we always gravitate to what we believe is "better" in our opinion? How do we determine what is better and is that subjective? Is there anything that is **objectively better**?

The main idea of the message this past Sunday was that **JESUS** is better. Is that a subjective or an objective truth? Why?

If you believe that Jesus is better than anything, have you ever been tempted to find something else as better? What were those things? What would you say was the strongest temptation to pull you away from Jesus?

Who do you think wrote the book of Hebrews? Do you think it matters if we know who wrote it or not? Why should it be included in our Bibles?

What was it about the situation of the original hearers of Hebrews that resonates with you (weary in following Jesus, struggling with church attendance, losing confidence in their faith, no passion in prayer, worship, or serving)? What did the author of Hebrews believe was the answer to all these things (hint: truth about Jesus).

Out of the 9 defining characteristics of Jesus the author of Hebrews presented to us (Final Word, Son of God, Heir of All Things, Creator of the World, Radiant Light, Image of God, Sustainer of the universe, High Priest of Perfection, Superior to the angels), which one amazes you the most? Which one gives you the most joy and confidence?

In what specific ways will having this view of Jesus keep us from falling for lesser pleasures?

With your Care Group, friends, or family, share with them how they can encourage and help you when you are tempted to struggle in, be apathetic towards, or walk away from your relationship with Jesus. Pray for each other.

**RECOMMENDED  
RESOURCE:**

**Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ**  
by John Piper

