

“But We See Jesus...” (Part 1)

Hebrews 2:9 – Jesus is the central subject in the book of Hebrews, and in the whole Bible
“See” = To be seen now, not was once seen, or will someday be seen, but the present truth
about Jesus and from Jesus

To have understanding, to examine, consider
Hebrews 3:19; Jas. 2:22

Hebrews 12:2 – “looking unto Jesus”

Look away from all else, to fix one’s gaze upon, to consider attentively

Important to understand Jesus so that we know why we should fix our gaze intently on Him
throughout our lives

Seeing Jesus in the Flesh

Jesus coming in the flesh is a critical part of the truth about God’s plan for our redemption.
Witnesses who saw Jesus were able to tell what they had seen

John 1:14 – “Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

1 John 1:1-3 – “Which we have seen with our own eyes...and we have seen...that which we
have seen...”

Luke 24:39 – “Behold...handle and see...as you see I have”

1 Corinthians 15:5-8 – “He was seen” 4x

John 20:24-29 – “We have seen...Unless I see...because you have seen...blessed are those who
have not seen yet have believed”

1 Peter 1:8 – “Having not seen...though now you do not see Him”

We today did not see Jesus in the flesh but believe the testimony of those who did.
“Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17)

So how can we “see” Jesus today?

Proper Attitude of Seeking Truth John 12:20-22

Gentile proselytes wanted an audience with Jesus, sought His wisdom/teaching
The hope of all nations is found in Jesus and what He would accomplish in His death

Honest Heart to Believe Truth John 9:35-37

Blind man “saw” Jesus even before he saw him; could not deny the evidence of truth
Jesus opened his vision physically, then spiritually – understanding and acceptance

Willingness to Accept Truth John 12:44-45; 14:9

If we are truly to see Jesus, we must see Him in light of the whole grand plan of the Father. Jesus is both the image of the Father (Jn. 1:1 God, deity) and united with Him in purpose and will for our redemption (Jn. 17:20-23)

The Greatness of the Son of God, Jesus the Christ – Hebrews 1:1-4

1) God's spokesman in these last days

Contrast of time (in time past – these last days), manner (at various times and in different ways – by His Son), and spokesmen (the prophets – His Son)

2) Appointed heir of all things

Heir = one who obtains a lot or portion, especially of an inheritance (Vine)
Christ is heir of all things (Col. 1:16; Psa. 2:8; Matt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:27; Acts 10:3)

3) Through whom also He made the worlds

"Worlds" (lit. "ages") – material universe of space and time (Heb. 11:3; Jn. 1:1-3)
All things owe their existence to God and His Son (1 Cor. 8:6)

4) The brightness of His glory

The Son is the radiance and shining forth of God's glory (Jn. 1:14; Matt. 17:2; Rev. 1:16)

5) The express image of His person ("Exact representation of His nature" [NASV])

"Image" (Gk. *charakter*) – stamp, die, seal, impression – an exact likeness in every way
Indisputable language affirming and confirming the deity of the Son of God
Compare "image" (Gk. *eikon*) in Colossians 1:15 – likeness, representation, picture

6) Upholding all things by the word of His power

Worlds framed by the Word (11:3), and upheld (borne, carried) by the Word
In Him all things "consist" (lit. "stand together"); Col. 1:17 – order, precision; Acts 17:25)

7) Purged our sins

High Priestly work of Christ on behalf of sinful man – redemption by a cleansing from sin!
Major theme of Hebrews and new covenant – superior sacrifice and blood (9:11-14; 1 Jn. 1:7)

8) Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

Dignity, honor, exaltation, authority of a King (Psa. 110:1-2; Acts 2:34-35; Heb. 8:1)
An OT priest "stands" daily offering sacrifices; Jesus "sat" after one offering (Heb. 10:11-12)

9) Better than the angels...Obtained a more excellent name than they

"Better" used 13x in Hebrews
Superiority of Son in name, rank, and message (Eph. 1:20-21)

We see Jesus as our perfect and divine Prophet, Priest, and King!

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