

Fully Human in Every Way

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Hebrews 2:5-18

Event and Story

Last Week – The Radiance of God’s Glory (1:1-4)

This Week – Fully Human in Every Way

Event – The birth in Bethlehem

Story – The Son (last week) Became a Human Person

Line of Thought

God’s Purpose for People (5; Gen 1; Psa 8)
The Purpose for People not Realized (6-8)
Jesus → made lower – for a little while (9 = 7)
Jesus → glory – the “true human” (9 = 7)
Bringing many children to glory (10 = 7)
Through suffering (10), death (14)
→ God’s purpose for people accomplished

Why This Matters

Jesus Gets Us

Made like us in every way

Heb 2:17-18

Make atonement

Help those being tempted

Heb 4:15-16

Mercy

Grace to Help

Understand and Help

What is going on in your life now?

How did Jesus’ experience relate?

For what do you need mercy?

How do you need help?

Made Like Us In Every Way

National Setting

- Member of a Hated Minority Nationality
- Member of a Despised Religious Minority
- Lived in a Country under Foreign Domination
- Lived in a Country Under Military Rule

Family

- Came from a Poor Family (Luk 2:22-24, see Lev 12:8)
- Legitimacy of Birth Questioned (Mat 1:18-19; Joh 8:41)
- Ministry rejected by his family (Joh 7:5)
- Sanity questioned by his Family (Mar 3:21)

Ministry

- Rapidly Acquired Popularity (Mar 2:13; 3:7)
- So Busy There Was No Time Even to Eat (Mar 3:20)
- Accused of Being Insane (Joh 10:20)
- Accused of Blasphemy (Joh 10:33-36)
- Accused of Having an Evil Spirit (Mar 3:20)
- Religious Leaders Opposed Him (Luk 6:7)
- Religious Leaders Tried to Trick Him (Mar 12:13)
- Religious Leaders Plotted to Kill Him

We see Jesus:

- Grieving at the death of a friend
- Concerned about the care of his mother
- Misunderstood by his closest friends
- Rejected by many
- Never married
- No formal education