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Jesus is a better WORD from God: Hebrews 1:1-2ab

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- 2) **Jesus is God’s message FOR NOW – Long ago vs. these last days:** John 1:17
- 3) **Jesus is God’s message TO US – To our fathers vs. to us:** John 6:63
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 - a) **Sufficient:** 1 Corinthians 2:2
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- 1) **Jesus REVEALS God’s CREATIVE PURPOSE:** Colossians 1:16. See also: John 1:3
- 2) **Jesus REVEALS God’s GLORY:** 2 Corinthians 4:6
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 - **Jesus was NOT just another “angel”**
- 6) **Jesus REVEALS God’s SUPREMACY over everything:** Colossians 1:18
 - **He is, therefore, the only rightful OBJECT of both WORSHIP & SERVICE:** Hebrews 1:6-7, 14. cf Deut. 32:43; Ps. 97:7; Ps. 104:4. See also: Philippians 2:9-11
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- 1) **Apart from Christ WE are a DEFILED (DIRTY) people:** Mark 7:20–23
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- 4) **Jesus SAVED us – something NO other spiritual power or being can do:** Hebrews 1:4
- 5) **Jesus is INVITING us into His better KINGDOM**
 - a) **A place where His authority and righteousness REIGN:** Hebrews 1:8. cf Psalm 45:6. See also: Col. 1:13-14
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 - c) **A place of unlimited JOY in the presence of the infinitely “HAPPY God”:** Hebrews 1:9b. cf Psalm 45:7b
 - d) **A place of ETERNAL LIFE:** Hebrews 1:10–12. cf Psalm 102:25-27
 - e) **A place of COMPLETE SECURITY:** Hebrews 1:13. cf Psalm 110:1
 - i) **We don’t need to [and can’t] ADD anything to JESUS’ work:** John 19:30b. See also: John 17:4
 - ii) **He’s done enough to SECURE us to Him forever:** John 10:28 See also: Revelation 5:9-10

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