

**Jesus is BETTER: He is a BETTER [Son of] MAN**  
**Text: HEBREWS 2**

**Humanity's BROKEN LIFE:**

- 1) **Man's DESTINY – Created to REIGN:** Hebrews 2:5. See also: Daniel 7:22, Matthew 19:28, Luke 22:28-30, Revelation 3:21
- 2) **Man's DIGNITY – made IMAGO DEI:** Hebrews 2:6. cf Psalm 8:4. See also: Psalm 139:14
- 3) **Man's DIFFERENCE – temporarily “lower” in power/influence:** Hebrews 2:7. cf Psalms 8:5. See also: 1 Corinthians 6:3
- 4) **Man's DOMINION – a real but practiced reign:** Hebrews 2:8ab (cf Psalm 8:6); Genesis 1:26. See also: v. 28
- 5) **Man's DILEMMA:** Hebrews 2:8c
  - a) **Nature:** Genesis 3:17–18a
  - b) **Relationships:** Genesis 3:16
  - c) **Self:** James 3:8–9. See also: Ps. 51:6; Jer. 17:9; Mark 7:20-23

**Jesus' PERFECT LIFE:** Hebrews 2:9ab

- 1) **Jesus was the PROMISED and PERFECT “Son of Man” referred to in Heb. 2:6/Ps. 8:4:** Daniel 7:13–14
  - **Jesus SELF-IDENTIFIED as “the Son of Man”:** John 9:35b–37
- 2) **Jesus JOINED humanity in the FRAILITY of FLESH in the FALLENNESS of this world:** Hebrews 2:14a
  - **Jesus said His incarnation was a RESCUE mission:** Luke 19:10
- 3) **Jesus came to BE LIKE US in every way:** Hebrews 2:17a
- 4) **Jesus SUFFERED the same TEMPTATIONS as us – Yet NEVER SINNED:** Hebrews 2:18; 1 Peter 2:22. See also: Isaiah 53:9; John 8:46; Hebrews 4:15, 7:26; 1 John 3:5
- 5) **Jesus PERFECTLY SUFFERED physical pain, corruption, oppression, abuse, shame and more:** Heb. 2:10; Luke 9:22. See also: Is 43:6–7
- 6) **Jesus SUFFERED DEATH as OUR UNDESERVED SUBSTITUTE:** Hebrews 2:9bc. See also: Mark 10:45; Romans 5:8
  - a) **He TOOK our PENALTY [God's JUST wrath] for our SIN:** Hebrews 2:17b. See also: Romans 5:9
  - b) **He DESTROYED both death and Satan's AUTHORITY & POWER:** Hebrews 2:14b. See also: 2 Timothy 1:10; John 10:10
  - c) **He DELIVERED us from ALL our FEARS and BONDAGES:** Hebrews 2:15

**OUR changed RELATIONSHIP with God:**

- 1) **Jesus is the PERFECT older BROTHER – who came to make us HOLY:** Hebrews 2:11–12; Matthew 12:50. cf Ps 22:22. See also: Matt. 23:8
- 2) **He brings us HOME to the FATHER so we can be God's forever CHILDREN:** Hebrews 2:10a, 14b, 16; Galatians 3:26, 29. See also: Isaiah 43:6–7; John 1:12–13; Galatians 4:4–7, Romans 8:14–16

**Human RESPONSES to Jesus' Salvation:**

- 1) **DOUBT:** Hebrews 2:3b–4. See also: 1 John 1:1, 3a; 2 Peter 1:16–18
- 2) **DISOBEDIENCE:** Hebrews 2:2–3a. See also: Romans 10:16, 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 1 Peter 4:17
- 3) **DRIFT:** Hebrews 2:1. See also: John 17:17; Romans 10:17
- 4) **DEPENDENCE:** Hebrews 2:13. cf Isaiah 8:17–18. See also: Isaiah 12:2; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8

\* “cf” = cited or quoted from a particular Old Testament passage

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**Gospel In Life Reflection Questions**

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?