

## **Advent 2020**

### **Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King**

Christmas Presence:

*Jesus as Priest*

Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:23-27

December 13, 2020

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - **Hebrews 4:14-16**

#### **I. HEBREWS OVERVIEW: JESUS IS BETTER!**

- He is a better word from God.
- He is better than the angels.
- He is better rest than the promised land.
- He is a better high priest; he reverses Adam's banishment from Eden and ushers us into the presence of God.

#### **II. JESUS IS A PERFECT PRIEST**

- Human priests died but Jesus lives! (Heb. 4:14; 7:16, 23-25).
- Human priests sinned but Jesus is perfect (Heb. 4:15).
- Human priests had to offer continual sacrifice (Heb. 7:26-27).
- Human priests saw only one side (Heb. 2:17-18; Job 9:32-33).

#### **III. JESUS IS A PERFECT SACRIFICE**

- He was perfect (Heb. 9:11-14).
- His sacrifice secured an eternal redemption (Heb. 9:13).
- His sacrifice was once and for all (John 19:30; Heb. 10:26).

#### **IV. JESUS IS A PERFECT ANCHOR (Heb. 6:19-20)**

- Let us hold fast our confession.
- Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence.

#### **Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from today's sermon?
2. What does it mean to intercede and how does Jesus do this for his people?
3. What is the difference between Christ as prophet and Christ as priest?
4. Why are we now able to be in the presence of God without being consumed by his holiness?
5. How is it comforting to know that Jesus can empathize with you?
6. What can we do to ensure we hold fast our confidence to the end? What are the doctrinal reasons for that confidence?