

Greater Than Mankind

What We Will Learn in this Series!

1. Jesus Christ is better than anything this world has to offer!
2. We please our Lord when we express our faith in action!

How is Jesus Greater than Mankind?

1. The Plan

"It is not to angels that He has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honour and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him." - Hebrews 2:5-8

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2. Mankind was crowned with glory and honour.
3. Mankind was made ruler of everything.

"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." - Genesis 1:28

2. The Problem — Sin

"Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him (mankind)." - Heb. 2:8

The plan isn't working! (Romans 7:18-20)

1. Mankind is in slavery.
2. Mankind is in sin.
3. Mankind is in sorrow.
4. Mankind is in subjection to death.

3. The Solution — "But We See Jesus"

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone." - Hebrews 2:9

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- Another man who could die in place of fallen mankind.

What Has this Second Man Done?

1. A Captain of Our Salvation.

"In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering." - Hebrews 2:10

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2. A Cleanser of Sin.

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- He makes us holy!
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3. A Champion over Satan!

"Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." - Hebrews 2:14,15

- He defeated Satan and gives us power to do so.
- He gives us freedom from our slavery.

4. A Courage and Comfort in our Struggle. (see 1 Corinthians 10:13)

"Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted." - Hebrews 2:18

Application:

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"Therefore, holy brothers and sisters... fix your thoughts on Jesus." - Hebrews 3:1

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