

THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

JESUS IS GREATER

Why God Becomes a Man

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Hebrews 2:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ 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--

¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

I. Due to man's predicament

A. A Severed Relationship

Luke 1:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

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The opposite of what the serpent told Eve is now a reality.

Genesis 3:4 (NIV) ⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

I. Due to man's predicament

A. A Severed Relationship

Hebrews 2:2 (NIV) ² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,

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I. Due to man's predicament

B. A slanderous adversary

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I. Due to man's predicament

B. A slanderous adversary

Revelation 12:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

I. Due to man's predicament

C. A fearful enemy

Hebrews 2:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

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II. To provide the necessary solution

A. Divine pursuit

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II. To provide the necessary solution

B. Real humanity

Hebrews 2:14a (NIV) ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity...

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II. To provide the necessary solution

C. Redemptive death

Hebrews 2:14b-15 (NIV) shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

II. To provide the necessary solution

D. Removal of death's sting

1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (NIV) ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

II. To provide the necessary solution

D. Removal of death's sting

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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