

Indentation:

(the predetermined sermon design which best accomplishes the sermon's purpose)

Identification:

Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18 Part 4, A Greater Incarnation

Introduction:

Henry V, king takes the form of a soldier to find out what the men are feeling, and to communicate that the king isn't all that different. In order to understand them, and they him, he had to become one of them. Born out of a desire to identify.

Ants marching toward a kid with a magnifying glass. You can yell at them and warn them all you want, they won't get it and they will fry. What would have to happen? You would have to become an ant and lead them away from the danger. In order to save them you would have to become one of them. Born out of a desire to save.

From the very beginning, and even before the beginning, God has had a desire to identify with us and to save us. He wants us to understand Him, to relate to Him. He also knows that apart from Him we are marching toward a kid with a magnifying glass and we are going to fry. He didn't want that so He became one of us and showed us the way to salvation. He wants to save us.

Ingression:

God becoming one of us is called the incarnation. Jesus was/is the incarnation of God. He is superior to any other form or formula because His is the only incarnation that meets the requirements for the real problem and the real solution.

Inspiration:

Review Hebrews and what we are doing now.

Jesus is greater than. Than what? The angels. Why? A greater name, and a greater salvation.

Today, a greater incarnation.

Read [1:1 - 2:5](#)

Ingression:

The Lord wants us to experience the supremacy of Christ in our lives. He wants that be our lives. We do that by **apprehending the significance of the incarnation and by understanding the requirements that were fulfilled through it.**

Side note: no direct or implicit application. No steps like in other instances. Instead, it's a head to the heart thing. Miss heaven by 18". If your head, heart, and spirit get this, then there will be practical application that is unique to you and your life.

Itemization:

[2] A greater incarnation means a greater subjection. [2:6-9](#)

- [2:6-8a](#) - Scripture. Not personal opinion, scripture, the word of God.
- [2:8b-c](#) subjection - to place under in an orderly fashion. **not put under** - not subject, is disobedient or disorderly.
 - In context, big picture, cosmic level stuff. Sovereignty perspective. Future kingdom.
 - Secondary context, our lives. If you are one of His, is everything in subjection to Him? It's supposed to be. Not lip service, reality. Riff a list.

- [2:9](#) We don't see the finished product now, but we do see Jesus. Do you see Him crowned with glory and honor, seated in Heaven? (Catholic School crucifix, yoyo show) Do you perceive, do you apprehend the significance of His incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection?
 - **[3]** Even death comes under the subjection of Jesus. [1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#).
 - **[4]** God's grace is demonstrated through Jesus' death. [John 3:16](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [Galatians 2:20](#), [1 John 4:10](#).
 - He couldn't die unless He was incarnate. He would have no power over death unless he died.
 - What's the deal with everyone? Explain.

Ingression:

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[5] A greater incarnation means a greater identification. [2:10-13](#)

- [2:10](#)
 - **fitting** - appropriate, a kind of nobility, honorability
 - **bringing** - who is bringing who? Is He bringing you, or are you bringing yourself? Honestly?
 - **captain** - The "hero" of a city, its founder or guardian. NET uses **pioneer**, term we know here. Jesus is the hero of our salvation, the founder, the guardian, the pioneer.
 - **made perfect/complete through sufferings, death** - why? Because that's what we experience. No angel, spirit, or even another ordinary human being could do or accomplish that.
- [2:11](#)
 - **sanctifies** - who does the sanctifying?
 - **those who are being sanctified** - passive, something being done to us.
 - **[6]** The tenses of salvation
 - Justification - I was saved. Romans.
 - Sanctification - I am being saved. Hebrews.
 - Glorification - I will be saved. 1 & 2 Peter.
 - **are all (out) of one** - identification! Because Jesus put on this mortal coil, became a human as we are, He who sanctifies and we who are being sanctified, all come out of the same stuff. Incredible!
 - **for which reason...** - If you are one of His, one that He is sanctifying, Jesus is not ashamed of you, because He became one of us. (repeat)
 - Plenty of examples of God being ashamed of those who were supposed to be His people.
 - Will the Lord be frustrated, grieved, even disappointed in some stuff we do? Yes, but never ashamed.
- [2:12-13](#) Again, back to scripture.

Ingression:

A greater incarnation means a greater identification.

These first two points have to do with **apprehending the significance of the incarnation**. The Creator took on the form of the created. Huge! Last point has to do with **the requirements that were fulfilled through it**.

[7] A greater incarnation means a greater propitiation. [2:14-18](#)

- [2:14](#)
 - first part - the setup (SC)
 - He Himself likewise shared in the same - the point of [14-15](#).
 - Do you think the author is trying to emphasize a point? This is the point of Christmas and Easter combined.
 - [\[8\] 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 3:14-17, Numbers 21:4-9](#).
 - [destroy](#) -
 - not so much obliterate as it is render inactive, powerless, like a dead body. See the pun?
 - This is the first result of Jesus sharing in the same.
 - [the devil](#) - literally the false accuser
- [2:15](#)
 - [release](#) - this is the second result, the direct result of [through death He might destroy](#). To change by separation. It's the act of separation that causes the change.
 - [those who](#) - Untranslated word in "those who" that indicates a great number, not just a few.
 - [bondage](#) - in contrast to release.
- [2:16 give aid](#) - to grab hold of, as a demonstration of concern. Who is the seed of Abraham? Come up later, basically those who are children of faith as Abraham is father of the faithful.
- [2:17](#)
 - Read in NKJV
 - Quote - 17-18 For this reason it was an obligation for Him in all things to be made like His brethren, in order that He might become a compassionate and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, with a view to offering that sacrifice for the sins of the people that would perfectly meet the demands of God's justice. For in that He suffered, having himself been tempted and put to the test, He is able to run to the cry of those who are being tempted and put to the test, and bring them aid.
 - [merciful and faithful High Priest](#) - as opposed to a potentially holier-than-thou human high priest.
 - The job of the high priest was to represent the people to God and God to the people.
 - Human high priests are flawed and temporary. The sacrifices they offered were insufficient and temporary as well.
 - Jesus is our perfect and eternal High Priest, representing and reconciling us to God and God to us.
 - [propitiation](#) - offering that sacrifice for the sins of the people that would perfectly meet the demands of God's justice. Whose sins? [God requires perfection. Jesus became the perfect man which made Him the perfect sacrifice for us imperfect people.](#)
- [2:18](#) Jesus knows. He came to know. He also came to show. Show what? God's love for you.

Ingression:

A greater incarnation means a greater propitiation.

Imploration:

He knows the things you are doing to fill the emptiness, both as perpetrator and as victim. He isn't up there pointing His finger down at you. He is up there, as your High Priest, holding you up in prayer in His nail-scared hands. The only manmade thing in heaven are scars. Who made them? I did. Who willingly and lovingly took them? He did. Why? Because there was no other way to bridge

the chasm that sin opened up between God and me, and you. That's the gospel.

[9] How do you become one who is being sanctified by Him? [Romans 10:9-10](#).

Let's all have a rock-solid, spiritually inspired understanding of why Jesus came in the flesh and what his crucifixion and resurrection accomplished. Let's pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us live out the supremacy of His incarnation in our lives and to spread it to others.