

“The Messenger is the Message” Hebrews 1:4-14

God has selected and installed Jesus Christ as the King over all creation. The significance of Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Significance of “Son-ship”

- Enthronement Psalms
- Intimate Relationship

Superiority of the Son’s Reign

- His reign is unique
- His reign is divine
 - Divine activity
 - Divine prerogative
 - Divine attributes
- His reign is everlasting
- His reign is exclusive
- His reign is delayed

Hebrews 1:4-14 Study Questions

Begin with open-ended, general questions. Perhaps simply ask people to discuss their own observations or what was most significant to them from the text.

Why does the writer compare Jesus to the prophets and the angels?

What positive qualities of OT prophetic revelation does the author commend?

What activities was and is the Son of God engaged in?

What divine attributes do you observe in this passage?

How might the activities and attributes of God's Son be significant in the lives of your neighbors? How are they meaningful in your own life?

The writers of the Old Testament (OT) told of the Messiah who was to come; the New Testament (NT) authors wrote of the Messiah who had come (and would come again). In both cases we have a second-hand message, so what makes the NT message superior to the OT message?

In Christ, the messenger was the message, and the message was the messenger – there was consistency. If we are to become "Christ-like," what does this require of us in evangelism? (As messengers, we must not allow our lives to deny or discredit the message we claim to believe.)

How might the unchangeable nature of Christ inform the way we pray and the priorities we establish? (What was true for the Hebrews is no less true or applicable for us. The things for which we pray and the choices we make should reflect eternal realities, not merely temporal ones. For example, the constant ache I have in my back is not as important as where my back will spend eternity, or what character I will manifest as I live with that pain. If the pain is necessary to bring me to Christ or to develop character in me, then we should pray accordingly.)

If you were the sovereign of the universe, in what specific ways would you exercise your authority and power?

What qualifies the Son to serve as King over all creation?

In what ways is His reign reflected, or not reflected, in your life?