

## Introduction:

- Hebrews
  - Who wrote it?
  - Partial letter or sermon?
  - What's the purpose of Hebrews?
- The fundamental question of Hebrews is “who is Jesus?” and how do we live in light of who we understand Jesus to be?

## Main Points: Who is Jesus?

1. He is the revelation of God
  - God has revealed himself since the beginning of time through creation
  - Psalm 19.1-2; Romans 1.18-20; Psalm 14.1 -- The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
  - God has revealed himself in many ways
    - Supernatural communication - the burning bush
    - Theophanies - Melchizedek, the Angel of the Lord (Joshua)
    - Prophets - Moses, Samuel. Isaiah
    - Dreams and visions -- Daniel
    - Miracles; signs and wonders - Samson, Gideon
  - “It is the fundamental proposition of the author of Hebrews, as of all the biblical writers, that one cannot know God unless God makes himself known. This he has done supremely in Jesus. The majestic Christology places this paragraph alongside John 1:1-18, Phil 2:5-11 and Col 1:15-18 as one of the four key Christological passages in the New Testament.”<sup>1</sup>

## 2. He is the same in nature and authority as God

- He radiates the glory of God
  - The essence of who God is shines forth, like heat and light from the sun, in Jesus
  - The imprint, stamp, image or caricature are possible translations for the Greek word used here. If you've seen Jesus, you've seen God. Not physically but in character, in nature
  - He does the work of God
- He protects and sustains the universe, and by extension, all life
- The *word* is reminiscent of God's command at creation (e.g. 'Let there be light') and the idea in John 1:1-3 that all things were made by the Word (*Logos*), by which term Jesus Christ himself is meant. In the same way as the Word created, the Word sustains. The amazing stability of the created order is witness to the 'power' behind it.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Allen, D. L. (2010). *Hebrews* (p. 95). Nashville, TN: B & H Publishing Group.

<sup>2</sup> Guthrie, D. (1983). *Hebrews: An Introduction and Commentary* (Vol. 15, pp. 71–72). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.