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discussion guide

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Easter: Certainty of the Ascension

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BELONG

In what ways are you similar to your father? Artistic talent? Mechanical ability? Athleticism? Any other distinctive features?

GROW

Read [Hebrews 1:1-4](#). How many statements can you count that tell us something about Jesus? How many of those qualities directly relate to God the Father?

Before Christ, what is the way mentioned in verse 1 that God spoke to His people? Why is it significant that God now has spoken to us through His Son?

Did you realize that Jesus was active in creation, as it says in verse 2 “through whom also he made the universe”? Read [Colossians 1:16](#) and [John 1:3](#) for similar descriptions. How does the fact that He was with God the Father in creation affect the way you view His power, His authority, and His creativity.

Verse 3 says that Jesus is “the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being” and Jesus is “sustaining everything by his powerful word.” How have you experienced Jesus’ sustaining power in your life?

The final part of verse 3 says that after Jesus “had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” Is there any other way to be pure of sin besides faith in Jesus? What are ways that you have tried to deal with your own sin besides trust in Jesus for forgiveness?

Verse 4 finishes the passage with the fact that Jesus is FAR superior to the angels for all of the reasons stated above. In the following two chapters, the writer of Hebrews continues to build the case about how Jesus is superior to the angels. Worshiping angels must have been a major idol in the reader’s lives. What idols do you struggle with today? What can you do to remind yourself that Jesus is superior to that person or thing?

Of the qualities of Jesus mentioned in verses 2-4, which are you beginning to appreciate more?

When did Jesus become more than just a name to you?

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[Hebrews 1:1-4](#)

Monday

[Mark 11:27-12:12;](#)
[Psalm 76; Proverbs 14:16-18](#)

Tuesday

[Mark 12:13-34;](#)
[Psalm 77:1-5; Proverbs 14:19-22](#)

Wednesday

[Mark 12:35-13:2;](#)
[Psalm 77:6-11; Proverbs 14:23-26](#)

Thursday

[Mark 13:3-31;](#)
[Psalm 77:12-20; Proverbs 14:27-29](#)

Friday

[John 1:1-28;](#)
[Psalm 78:1-5; Proverbs 14:30-32](#)

Saturday

[John 1:29-51;](#)
[Psalm 78:6-14; Proverbs 14:33-35](#)

serve

In times like this we are privileged to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Although we are currently unable to meet for services, we want to encourage you to check on your neighbors, family members, and brothers and sisters in Christ to make sure they have food, water, and medications. You could also grab a few extra canned goods at the store and drop them off at a food pantry. Let's find ways to express the authentic Christ and offer peace in an anxious world.

pray

Pray for global workers, John and Amy, as they are starting new projects to mobilize in a virtual world.