

**Monday**

Read Mark 8:27-30

Who is Jesus? We spent two months talking about following Jesus and glimpsed what that looked like in our daily life – from big concepts like surrendering our life to Jesus and taking off the old self and putting on the new self to more immediate lessons to grasp like how to be generous and courageous as a follower of Jesus. Most of those sermons and the weekly devotionals that go along with them are online at [www.cookscreekpres.org](http://www.cookscreekpres.org).

But who is Jesus? It’s a simple question with deep and rich answers. Jesus isn’t just a great moral teacher. Jesus isn’t just a good example for us. Jesus isn’t just a necessary sacrifice. **Jesus is greater than...**

You have read who Peter says Jesus is. Who do you say Jesus is? Take some time to think about it and go deeper. When you’ve come up with an answer ask yourself, “And that means...?” and do your best to go deeper. It’ll benefit you and the people God has planned for you to talk with about Jesus.

**Tuesday**

Read Hebrews 1:1-4

The passage starts with a poetically balanced and compact summation of God’s communication with humanity in vv. 1-2a:

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| 1. At various times and in various ways of old | At the end of these days |
| 2. God   | he                       |
| 3. spoke                                       | has spoken               |
| 4. to the fathers                              | to us                    |
| 5. by the prophets                             | by one who is Son        |

Why is way that God communicated to us in the second column superior to the first?

**Wednesday**

Read Psalm 2 and Hebrews 1:1-4

Jesus is the one to whom Psalm 2:8 refers: <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. The nations are Jesus’ heritage and the ends of the earth are his possession. While we cannot force any nation to acknowledge this, we can see the answer to the question in Psalm 2:1: <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? Their plotting is in vain as is the nations’ conspiring because they plot and conspire in opposition to the one to whom they all belong: Jesus.

In case you felt a twinge of pride that you think you are on the right side of that equation, may I remind you of Ash Wednesday: you are dust and to dust you shall return. Your only claim to God is that God chose to have mercy on you and rescued you in Jesus Christ because he has pity on you and me.

This salvation is possible because Jesus made purification for our sins – as it says in v. 3 – by his holy and blameless life that was lifted up on the cross and destroyed by our sin.

But Jesus’ life is not destroyed. Instead, v. 3 - he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, where he resides at this moment. The place of honor in the universe.

**Thursday**

Read Mark 10:17–31

Our series is *Jesus is Greater Than*. If you remember arithmetic, we can express that like this: Jesus >

It is easy to say that Jesus is the greatest thing in our lives compared with the journey of actually living it. What do you need to put on the right side of this equation:

Jesus > \_\_\_\_\_?

**Friday**

As we prepare for our worship together this Sunday, please read and reflect upon Hebrews 1:5-14 and address this question: Why is Jesus greater than angels?