

### Scripture Text

Hebrews 2:5-13

### Context

The book of Hebrews is written to discouraged Christians who are facing great pressure to minimise the significance of Christ in their theology and return to a more “Jewish” religion. The writer hence writes to magnify Jesus, showing Him as being ‘better’ than all other, including angels, Moses, the sacrificial system etc, in order that the Hebrews might cling to Christ in faith. Chapter 1 has shown how Jesus is better than the angels, and now chapter 2 continues to urge us to pay careful attention to God’s Word through Christ, because of who He is.

### Observation and Meaning

- In verse 8 and 9 there is something we ‘do not yet see’ and something that ‘we see’. What are these two things, and how do they relate to Psalm 8? What does this tell us about God’s created intention for us, our present condition, and why Jesus has come?
- Why does the passage say that Jesus was crowned with glory and honour?
- Who was Jesus’ suffering and death for (vs9) and what was it’s ultimate purpose (v10)?
- What is the relationship between us and Jesus now? How does Jesus feel towards us? What is Jesus doing in the midst of his brothers, and how does this give us courage?

### Big Idea

Man has fallen from the glorious position God gave him. But now Jesus has come to take on our condition, to champion a way through death in order that we might be brought back to glory.

### Connecting to the Bible’s storyline

Jesus has come to bring fallen mankind back to glory through His suffering and death.

### Applications

- Jesus’ incarnation helps us understand that the world as it currently stands is not how God originally intended it. When are you tempted to forget this, and what difference would it make to your life if you lived more conscious of this truth?
- Jesus suffered on earth, which means He understands our struggles and weaknesses. How does this give you confidence to draw near to Him? What do you need to bring to Him, asking Him to help you do?
- How does Jesus’ mission of bringing you back to glory help you to deny pursuing glory in other areas of your life? What false-glories do you need to stop pursuing?
- How does Jesus’ role as an encouraging brother stir you to trust God in faith now?

## Guide for Study Leaders

Use the C.O.M.A. (Context, Observation, Meaning, Application) method to work through the biblical text.

### Context

Pay attention to the surrounding verses, paragraphs, chapters, events, etc. to see how this passage fits within the context of this particular book of the Bible.

Note how this passage fits within the larger storyline of the whole Bible, i.e. how God is saving a people through Jesus Christ to live under his rule in his place.

### Observation & Meaning

Make careful observations of the biblical text. Notice details such as linking words (eg. “for”, “if”, “therefore”), repetition, dialogue, narrative, OT quotations, etc.

To understand the meaning of the biblical text, we need to discern the author’s purpose or intent: Why is the biblical author writing this?

Helpful questions to ask include:

Who is writing and to whom?  
 What is the situation of the author and of the readers?  
 Are we made aware of any problems that need to be addressed?  
 Are there any repeated themes, or a single idea that holds everything together?

### Application

Apply God’s word to the heart. Move beyond merely addressing circumstances and behaviour by asking good “heart” questions. For example: Why do we do what we do? What do we really desire?

Always connect the gospel to application. For example, what difference does knowing Christ make to our obedience to God?

Ask what the passage teaches us about God, ourselves, salvation in Christ, the church, the world, etc.