

God's Final Word
Just Jesus Wk. 1
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Community Group Questions:

1. Have you ever drifted in your faith? Explain your answer.
 2. Read Hebrews 1 and Hebrews 2. What do we learn about the historical context of the recipients of this 'book' from these two chapters?
 3. Why does the author quote from the Psalms so frequently?
 4. Jesus and... Jesus with... Jesus but... Jesus plus... What are some ways that people, including you, complete these sentences?
 5. Look at the charts above. Why is Jesus greater than any prophet and angel? Can you identify a verse for each idea?
 6. How might you keep from drifting?
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Whatever you believe about Jesus, He is **BETTER**.

Whatever imperfections you see in Christianity, He is **PERFECT**.

Jesus **AND**...

Jesus **BUT**...

Jesus **WITH**...

Jesus **PLUS**...

What more could I want?

Hebrews 1:1-4 *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.*

Prophets:

People created

People empowered

People with an incomplete message

People flawed

People for a moment

Jesus Christ:

God eternal

God's Son

God's final message

God's perfect sacrifice

God forever

Jesus is superior to any **PROPHET**.

Hebrews 2:1-4 *We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we **ignore** so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.*

It's not likely that a Christian would **REJECT** Jesus fully, but it is highly likely that a Christian could **NEGLECT** Jesus regularly.

Hebrews 2:9-18 *But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. 11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters... 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

Angels:

Sons of God
Unlike us, not family
No body, no human
Death irrelevant
Servants to The Sovereign
Not part of the Godhead

Jesus Christ:

The Son of God
Like us, same family
Has a body, fully human
Death's defeater
The Sovereign
2nd Person of The Trinity

Jesus is superior to every being; including **ME**.

Bottom Line: If you've been drifting, do something today, to treasure Jesus **SUPREME**LY.