

Dentist, Doctor, Mechanic, and Great High Priest
Just Jesus #4
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Community Group Questions:

1. Do you have a great barber or hair stylist? What makes them great?
 2. Have you ever considered the significance of having a high priest? What are your thoughts around it?
 3. Read Hebrews 4:14-5:6. What do we learn about high priests in general? How does Jesus fulfill the requirements of a high priest?
 4. Read Hebrews 5:7-14. Jesus was willing to endure such suffering and death in order to bring about our eternal salvation. What does it look like for us to continually move forward into the salvation he offers us?
 5. Are there next steps that you have taken a step back on? What was the cause of that in your life? Do you think now is a good time to take that step again?
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Question: How's your High Priest?

A High Priest makes our relationship with God **POSSIBLE**.

Hebrews 4:14–4:16 *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Jesus is a Great High Priest who meets us with understanding, **EMPATHY**, and **STRENGTH**.

Hebrews 5:1-6 *Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." 6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."*

In Jesus, the Jewish High Priesthood has been **FULFILLED** and **ECLIPSED**.

Hebrews 5:7-10 *During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.*

Luke 22:42 *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."*

Hebrews 5:11-14 *We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

Spiritually, there is no **STANDING STILL**.

QUESTION: What's a next step I've stepped back from that I'm going to step back into?

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus became our High Priest so that we could become joyful followers of Him.