

DAY 2 THURSDAY

HEBREWS 1:3 WHY LISTEN TO JESUS?

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.*

The Gospel is the Good News because it is the authoritative word spoken by the absolute authority. The message is from the sovereign Lord of all, God. But in Jesus Christ that Word became more than a message. In Jesus that Word *is* God. It is the Word that communicates both the direction and purpose of God and the revelation of the nature of God. Jesus, as the incarnation of the Son of God, is the creative power of the cosmos (Hebrews 1:2), as well as the power that sustains the creation. The Incarnate Christ is the answer to our question as to how God would live this life. Through his death on the cross, Jesus has opened the opportunity for return to a perfect eternal relationship with the holy and righteous God. By the resurrection and ascension, Jesus has taken the eternal place of power over all things. Jesus *is* God; past, present and future.

Because of our limited understanding, and our over familiarity with Jesus, we live in the constant danger of having a too small comprehension of him, which in turn leads to a limited awareness of our need for him in daily life. Let this passage remove the worldly filters of understanding from your mind so that you can live your life with the limitless expectation of God's power, even in this life.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, God gave this command to the disciples: *"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"* (Matthew 17:5). Let us dedicate ourselves today to do likewise.

Lord Jesus, make yourself known to me by breaking through the barriers of my superficial faith. Give me the life-transforming knowledge of your true nature so that I might practically know your authority over all creation, including my life. Grow my understanding of you, and thereby, my experience of the awesome power of your Gospel. Amen.