

**HE SHARED IN OUR
HUMANITY**

(Hebrews 2:1-3 NIV)

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

(Hebrews 2:4-6 NIV)

God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified:

(Hebrews 2:6-8 NIV)

“What is man that you are mindful of
him,

the son of man that you care for him?

7 You made him a little lower than the
angels;

you crowned him with glory and honor

8 and put everything under his feet.

(Psalm 8:4-5)

(Hebrews 2:8-9 NIV)

In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

(Hebrews 2:10-11 NIV)

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

(Hebrews 2:12-13 NIV)

He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers;
in the presence of the congregation I
will sing your praises.” (*Psalms 22:22*)

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”
(*Isaiah 8:17*)

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has
given me.” (*Isaiah 8:18*)

(Hebrews 2:14-16 NIV)

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

(Hebrews 2:17-18 NIV)

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers 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. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The Great Escape

(Hebrews 2:3 NIV) how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Point #1:

Don't ignore the salvation that God offers you.

He Shared Our Humanity

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The Word became Flesh

(2 John 1:7 NIV) Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Point #2:

If Jesus didn't become a man, then he didn't die, and you and I are still in our sins.

Jesus is God

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Jesus is God

- **Who has authority to forgive sins?**
(Luke 5:21 and Luke 5:24)
- **Who will judge?** (Psa 50:6 and 2 Cor 5:10)
- **Who is the first and the last?**
(Isa 44:6 and Rev 22:13)
- **In Whose name do we Baptize?**
(Mat 28:19-20)
- **Who is the great I am?**
(Exo 3:14 and John 8:58)
- **Who is one?** (John 10:30)

Point #3:

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.

Not ashamed to call us brothers

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Jesus is able to help us

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Jesus can relate to you

- **Hunger** (Mat 4:2)
- **Weariness** (John 4:6)
- **Pain** (John 11:35)
- **Sorrow** (Mark 14:33-34)
- **Exasperation:** (Mat 17:17)
- **Temptation** (Heb 4:15)

Point #4:

Jesus understands our weaknesses.

Jesus is willing!

(Mat 8:2-3 NIV) A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.

CONCLUSION