# **Jesus Is Greater**

### A 1<sup>st</sup> Century Podcast

John 14:6 John 19:30

#### The Passage

Hebrews 1:1-2:4

### Beware! Bible Study and Doctrine Can Be Spiritually Dangerous Whenever...

- (1) We focus on the <u>unclear</u> instead of the <u>crystal clear</u>. 1 Timothy 1:3-7 Luke 18:16
- (2) Our knowledge becomes a source of pride. 1 Corinthians 8:1
- (3) Our knowledge becomes a source of division. 1 Corinthians 11:17-19 Matthew 22:36-40 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

## Bible Study and Doctrine Are Still Incredibly Important Because...

Without them, we would have no **foundation** and no **boundaries**. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Proverbs 29:18 & Judges 17:6

- ✓ Jesus is the final word. Hebrews 1:1-4
- ✓ All previous messages were incomplete.
- ✓ All future messages are suspect.
  2 Corinthians 11:3-4 Galatians 1:6-9 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 2 Peter 2:1

As we launch into this study on the Book of Hebrews, take some time in the coming week to read through the book either in one sitting or by reading two chapters each day.

As you read, jot down your initial thoughts on the book and watch how the author unpacks the following three components.

(1) The focus of the book: Jesus is "greater than" everything that has come before him. He is superior to everything we find in the Old Testament.

(2) The organization of the book: The outline looks like this:

1:1-3: Jesus is greater than the prophets

- 1:4-2:18: Jesus is greater than the angels
- 3:1-4:2: Jesus is greater than Moses
- 4:3-13: Jesus is greater than Joshua
- 4:14-7:28: Jesus is greater than the Old Testament priesthood
- 8:1-10:39: Jesus' ministry is greater than the Old Covenant ministry
- 11 13: A Call to Faith and Endurance

(3) The warnings in the book: There are six warnings in Hebrews which are designed to prompt the people of Israel to obedience.

- 1. The warning against drifting 2:1-4
- 2. The warning against departing 3:12-15
- 3. The warning against disobedience 4:11-13
- 4. The warning against dullness 5:11-6:6
- 5. The warning against despising 10:26-39
- 6. The warning against defying 12:25-29