



Hebrews Introduction: The message of Hebrews can be summed up in three words, “CHRIST IS SUPERIOR.” If you have time before our first class, skim the 13 chapters of Hebrews to get a “bird’s eye view” of the topics included. When we meet, I will address some foundational issues such as: authorship, audience, and the historical setting. We will also discuss Hebrews 1 using the following questions to guide our discussion.

1. If the main purpose for writing Hebrews was to establish that “CHRIST IS SUPERIOR,” what does that suggest about the audience that would hear this letter? What significance do you think this theme will hold for you and the world we live in today?
2. **Read Hebrews 1:1- 4.** What difference does it make to know that God speaks? What does it mean to you that “*he has spoken to us by His Son?*”
3. Using the opening 4 verses, identify the 7 claims made by the author regarding the person and work of Jesus. Which of the claims do you find most meaningful and why?
4. In Hebrews 1:4 the author argues that Jesus is “*superior to the angels.*” What is your understanding of angels and why do you think people are so fascinated by them?
5. (CHALLENGE) **Read Hebrews 1:5-14.** The author does not build his argument on personal opinion but upon truths written in Scripture. What answer does the author find in each of the 7 Old Testament quotes that would complete the phrase, “*Jesus is superior to the angels because...* “