

Jesus is Better

Just about everyone agrees that Jesus was a great man who spoke with wisdom, served the poor, and even worked miracles. But is that all Jesus was - a really great guy? Throughout the years, this world has seen plenty of great men come and go: names like Alexander, Leonardo, Shakespeare, and Churchill come to mind. But nobody worships or prays to other great men like we do with Jesus. So what sets Jesus apart? Why is he worthy, not only of our admiration, but of our worship? For four weeks in September at The Story Church, we'll explore what makes Jesus unique, and we'll discover why the greatness of Jesus surpasses that of even the greatest men on earth.

September 21, 2025 - Part 3 - Jesus: Our Better Rest

Acts 4:12 says "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name by which we can be saved." **Why is this message often deemed offensive or divisive by people who want Christians to "play nice"?**

In what way is Christianity's core message - *that Jesus is better than anything the world has to offer* - actually the NICEST thing Christians could ever say?

Hebrews 3:12-15 - See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

Who was the original, intended audience of "Hebrews"?

What historical event was the writer of Hebrews calling to mind by saying, "...as you did in the rebellion"?

How did the Israelites turn away from God after He freed them from slavery?

Hebrews 4:9-10 - There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

What's the difference between the traditional understanding of "Sabbath" as God offered it through Moses and the Sabbath-rest that God offers through Christ?

Ephesians 2:14 - For [Christ] himself is our peace...

What does it mean that Jesus Christ *is* our peace?

Name a few signs and symptoms that point to the fact that most people aren't living healthy, abundant, balanced lives in this modern world.

Hebrews 4:11-13 - Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. ***For*** the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

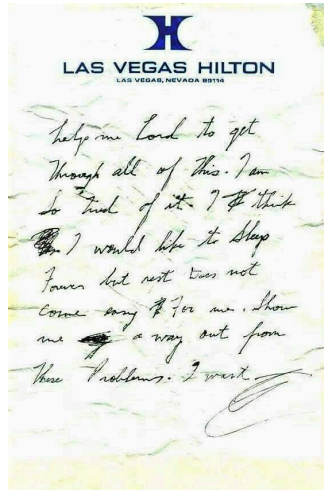
Why is the word "for" so important in verse 12?

What (or Who) is the writer of Hebrews referring to when he mentions *the Word of God*?

John 1:1-2, 14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Revelation 19:13 - ...his name is the Word of God.

What difference does it make that Jesus (a.k.a. "Our peace") is alive and active?



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I am so tired of it.
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but rest does not come easy for me.
Show me a way out from these problems.
I want..."*

What problems, priorities, or pressures do you need to surrender to Jesus this week, so that he can be your peace?



LifeHouse Serve Day

All ages are invited to serve with our partner LifeHouse! On Saturday, October 4 (9-11:30am) we'll help pack and move household items and furniture at their housing complex. Visit our website to register: thestory.church/events



Upcoming BeLoved Women's Ministry Luncheon

Save the date to join us on Friday, October 24 at 11:30am for our Fall BeLoved luncheon, featuring Allison Evans & Taylor Dukes! Visit thestory.church/events to read more and purchase your ticket to attend.



Upperclassmen Ski Trip

High school juniors and seniors are invited to join us for a winter ski trip - January 2-5, 2026 in Breckenridge, CO! Limited spots are available and deposits are required this month. Visit thestory.church/events to read more and register!

