



Advent 2017
Jesus, God's Prophet
Jesus, God's High Priest
Jesus, King of Kings
Jesus, Sacrificial Lamb

*This year Advent begins on Dec. 3rd. We are beginning one week early in lieu of our Christmas play, "A New Star" on Dec. 17th.

Jesus, God's High Priest

Old Testament priests were a chosen people. Called apart by God. They were called to serve God in the temple, acting as a go-between for God and His people. The priest would live in separate cities, eat special sacrifices, wear special clothes, and act in special ways. God had made a promise to his people, and the priests were expected to hold up Man's part of the promise. Back then, people couldn't identify with a priest.

But then God changed everything. He sent His Son as our High Priest. Purposely sent by God to help us, and Christ did so in three specific means.

1) Jesus came as God's High Priest to understand us:

Hebrews 4:14–16. Jesus is not one who is far removed and unable to understand us, but one who is in every way like us.

Hebrews 2:18. Because Jesus came and walked among us, was a human like us, he can empathize with us and our trials.

JESUS SHOWS THAT GOD WAS WILLING TO COME TO EARTH AND BECOME LIKE US... BECAUSE WE WERE UNABLE TO BE MORE LIKE HIM.

2) Jesus came as God's High Priest to intervene for us.

Our High Priest Jesus stands before and with His Father in heaven and he intercedes for us.

Hebrews 8:1-2.

He died, rose and ascended into heaven. He is still making a connection between us and God.

3) Jesus came as God's High Priest to atone for our sins.

Only Jesus our High Priest, could do what was needed to fulfill God's requirement of a perfect sacrifice.

Hebrews 2:17.

Not only was Jesus the perfect priest, he was himself the perfect sacrifice for us. Jesus forever removed anything that would keep those who believe and have faith in Him from God. Jesus bridged the gap of sin between us and God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21; *GOD MADE HIM WHO HAD NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.*

Do you feel God's love? God traded His righteousness for our sin. Something of immeasurable worth for something completely worthless. Oh, how grateful we should be for His kindness to us.

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