

MADE LIKE US

Hebrews 2:5-18

(Basic outline, add own comments)

Introduction: Discuss the human likeness that Jesus has but that He is also divine. Emphasizing that Jesus is made like us, etc.

(verse by verse study)

v5 - Discuss Angel's roles as messengers of God.

- Their duties do not include ruling the world.

vv6-8 - Psalm 8 - Discuss the question often asked by man - "does God care or even know about ME?"

- Discuss the creation of man - the authority given to him to rule the world and even the universe.
- Discuss the glory and honor given to man (made in God's own image, with power to rule).
- Discuss the FACT that man is not completely in control of the world for there are wars, famine, sickness and death.
- Discuss the FACT that it is God's plan for man to be in complete control of the world.

v9 - Discuss God's choice of the way Christ was to come to man (temporarily) NOT as an angel, but as a MAN, with all man's physical limitations.

- Discuss "Death for man by God's grace" - it was a privilege to redeem man.
- Discuss Christ being crowned with glory and honor because of His voluntary death, etc.

vv10-12 - Discuss Christ is creator and sustainer.

- The only means of man's salvation.
- Christ is the one who sets believers apart, like He is set apart.
- There is One Body, One Church, One Family.
- Discuss Christ publicly identifying with mankind, then with the saved.
- Discuss that it is NOT us identifying with Him but Him identifying with us.

v13 - Discuss Christ's belief and trust in man.

- Discuss man's weaknesses and Christ's readiness to forgive.
- Christ joins man in obeying and worshiping the Father.

vv14-15 - Discuss the earthly body of man, the limitations of the human body and death of the human body.

- Discuss the realm of death is Satan's world.
 - Death is the penalty for sin and NO man is able to overcome it YET God said that man was to rule ALL.
- Discuss how Christ, a man, died, but was made alive, thus conquering death FOR mankind.
 - Christ was the first and believers will follow.
 - Thus enabling man to fulfill God's original plans for man to conquer all and rule over all.

vv17-18 - Discuss the duties of the High Priest (to reconcile).

- Fact: Christ can now understand completely man's problems, temptations, etc.

CONCLUSION:

1. God intends for man to rule all.
2. Man is unable on his own to do so.
3. Christ took on human form to bring man to God, to conquer death for man, to be able to understand and help man.
4. Christ is the only way to God.