



JESUS THE PRIEST

SUMMARY | In the Old Testament era, Israel had three offices: prophet, priest, and king. Of those, the priest had the unique role of representing the people before God. He did this through sacrifices, prayers, care, and more.

If this was what human priests were responsible for in Judah, what does it mean for Jesus—the Lord, Savior, Creator, Son, and Lamb—to be our high priest? We want to explore that idea in this series of conversations. And to do that, we will consider an important portion of Scripture from the book of Hebrews.

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Does your church tradition utilize the language of priesthood?

How familiar are you with the idea of “priests”? Do you ever think of Jesus as a priest?

2. [Read Hebrews 4:14–15](#). How was Jesus able to become our priest?

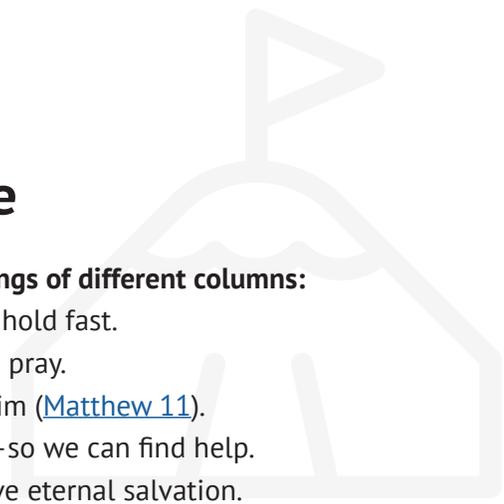
In what way did He experience the temptations we do, yet without sin?

3. What does it mean to sympathize with someone? How does Jesus, as our high priest, sympathize with us?

4. In the Gospels, where do you see instances where Jesus is described in terms of His gentleness?

Why is that important for us as well?

Challenge



Write down these five statements as headings of different columns:

He is our priest—so we can hold fast.

He sympathizes—so we pray.

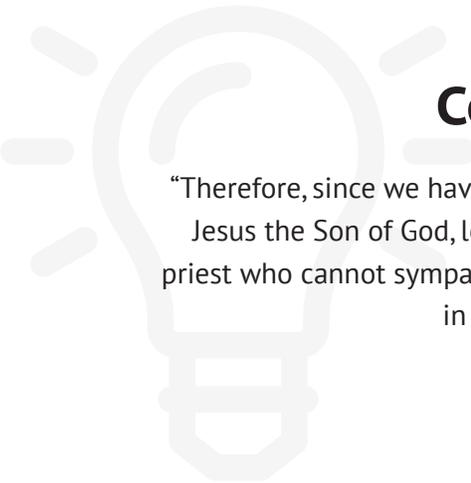
He deals gently—so we come to Him ([Matthew 11](#)).

He suffered, offering prayers/sacrifice—so we can find help.

He learned obedience—so we can have eternal salvation.

Under each of these, write at least three ways the truth makes a difference in your life. Then write what His love prompts you to want to do for Him.

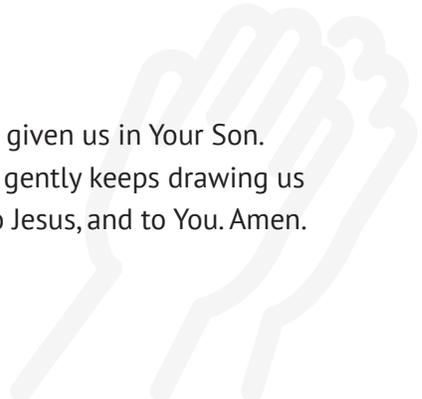
Commit To Memory



“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

[Hebrews 4:14-15](#)

Prayer



Thank you, Lord God, for this great high priest you have given us in Your Son. I thank You that He intercedes for us, advocates for us, and gently keeps drawing us closer to You. Help me to live a life that will bring honor to Jesus, and to You. Amen.

