

The Supremacy of Christ: Is This Not Joseph's Son?

Luke 4:16-22, Hebrews 1:1-2

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Luke 4:16-22

4 ¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Table Discussion Questions:

1. When did you first become familiar with Jesus? What sources have shaped your understanding of Jesus (i.e. experience, culture, books, pastors, teachers, the Bible)? Do you think you have made any assumptions about Him?
2. What is meant by "the supremacy of Christ"? Does that definition match your own understanding of Jesus? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? Do you see yourself as poor?
4. Why does the Bible describe sin as slavery? What does real freedom look like?
5. How has Christ rescued us? How has Christ redeemed us? What's the difference? Why is it good news that He has done both?
6. How big is your view of Jesus Christ? What is so dangerous about limiting His supremacy?