



Sermon Growth Guide

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The Beautiful Story – Beautiful Savior

Hebrews 1:1-12

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:3

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Big Idea: The beauty of Jesus compels belief.

Foundations

Welcome to week seven of The Beautiful Story. This week we celebrate that Jesus is utterly stunning. Consider these classic hymn lines: “Fair is the sunshine / fairer still the moonlight / and all the twinkling starry host / Jesus shines brighter / Jesus shines purer / than all the angels heaven can boast.” The writer of Hebrews declares these things about the majesty of Jesus:

- The Father speaks through Jesus
- Jesus is appointed heir of all things
- The universe is made through Jesus
- Jesus is the radiance of God’s glory
- Jesus is the exact representation of (the Father’s) being
- By Jesus’ powerful word all things are sustained
- Jesus provides purification for sins
- Jesus is seated at the right hand of the (Father) in heaven

This week we reaffirm the doctrine of the Trinity, that Jesus is distinct in His person, yet of one essence with the Father and the Spirit.

The aforementioned hymn concludes this way: “Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.”

Open and close your time of further study and application in prayer. Ask the Spirit of God to guide and guard your time in His Word.

Understanding God’s Word

In verse 2 we learn that “(God) has spoken to us by (Jesus).” What has been “spoken”?

Specifically, in what ways is Jesus “the radiance of God’s glory” in verse 3? What does the Son “provide” in verse 3?

What is the writer of Hebrews emphasizing in verses 5-2?

Applying God’s Word

We celebrate that Jesus is utterly stunning. The beauty of Jesus compels belief.

Lamentably, too often we hear of a testimony akin to Mahatma Ghandi who said, “I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.”

How can you more closely emanate the beauty of Jesus to those around you this week? Identify a situation you are facing into which you can bring, by the grace of God, the beauty of Jesus.

Witnessing God’s Word

Think of one person who has yet to grasp the true beauty of Jesus. Take a moment to close your time by praying for that person. Discern a beautiful action with which to step toward that person with the love and beauty of Jesus.