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Jesus The Priest

When you hear the word “priest” what comes to mind? Does it have positive or negative connotations for you? What do priests do?

Consult the following passages and list out the functions of the priests:

Lev 10:8-11	Deut 21:5
Lev 13-15	Ex 29:38-42
Ex 30:7-8	Num 6:22-27
Deut 10:8	Num 3:38 & ch4
Lev 24:1-9	Lev ch6 & ch12-13
Num 10:1-10	Judges 20:28

In a single sentence try to summarize the job and purpose of a priest.

How do you see Jesus acting as a priest in the Gospels?

Matthew ‘s Gospel has strong themes of priesthood, but the book of Hebrews is an extended meditation on Jesus the Priest. **Read Hebrews 7:23-8:6.**

What does this passage teach us about the *present* work of Jesus?

Do you normally picture Jesus as still actively living and engaged in ongoing work and ministry? Why or why not? Why does it matter?

The writer of Hebrews doesn’t speak of the Law, the Temple, the Levitical Priesthood, or the Old Covenants as bad things; they were all good! It is simply the case that Jesus is *even better* than what preceded him.

Consider your own life, are you devoted to and serving good things or the best thing? Where have you allowed good things to crowd out Jesus?

How will you take practical steps of repentance?

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