

SERMON SERIES: The GOAT- Greatest Of All Time

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Sermon Title

“He Stands Alone”

Introduction

This week we started our series “The GOAT” – The Greatest Of All Time, taking a look through the book of Hebrews and seeing that every aspect of Jesus is the Greatest of All Time. Who He is, what He said, and how He loves, He is the GOAT. When we realize that and believe it, it changes how we live. When we put Christ as the central focus of our lives, it changes everything. To get started this week, answer this icebreaker question with your group:

- Who is someone you consider to be the “Greatest of All Time” in their field (sports, music, entertainment, etc.) and why?

Seek the Word

- Read Hebrews 1:1-2 aloud, then answer these questions.
 - How does the way God spoke in the past through prophets compare to how He speaks to us now through Jesus? What does this tell us about the significance of Jesus?
- Read Hebrews 1:3 aloud, then answer these questions.
 - What does it mean that Jesus is the “radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being”? How does this understanding impact your view of Jesus?
- Read Hebrews 2:1 aloud, then answer these questions.
 - Scott mentioned the “drift factor”. What are some ways the early Jewish Christians were tempted to drift away from their faith, and how does this relate to us today?

Go Deeper

In light of Scott’s sermon, take a moment to examine your heart and identify any worldly influences or priorities that have subtly taken precedence over Jesus in your life. What are these influences, and how have they impacted your relationship with Him and with others? What changes do you feel called to make to restructure your priorities and put Jesus as the central focus?

Talk About It

- Reflect on your own life: Are there areas where you might be drifting away from focusing on Jesus? What are some distractions or challenges you face?
- Scott emphasized that Jesus is greater than any spiritual or religious practice. How can you ensure that your spiritual life is centered on Jesus rather than other spiritual distractions?
- Consider the idea of Jesus being greater than your current circumstances. How can you apply this truth to a specific situation you are facing right now?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus is the greatest influence that we can have in our lives. He is not just a spiritual figure or a personal assistant to call upon when convenient, but our Lord and Savior who desires to be at the center of our lives. We need to fix our eyes on him, especially in the middle of life's challenges and distractions, to ensure that we do not drift away from our faith. By keeping Jesus as our focus, we can navigate life's difficulties with perseverance and hope, knowing that He is greater than any other option or influence— the **Greatest Of All Time**.

Challenge: This week, think about that one area you have been drifting, or that one influence that you have been prioritizing over Jesus, and take a concrete step to refocus on Jesus. Whether it is setting aside time for prayer, reading Scripture, or asking for accountability, take that first step. Share your plan with the rest of the group so they can be a support for you.

Prayer: Pray together as a group, asking God to help you fix your eyes on Jesus, especially in the areas where you may be drifting. Ask for him to reveal what those areas are, and to provide opportunities to course correct. Pray for strength to prioritize Jesus, and thank Him for His love for you.