

Discussion Questions, The Humanity of Jesus, Hebrews 2:14-18

1. Why did Jesus share in the flesh and blood of His children? (Heb. 2:14-18) In what ways did he “share” in our humanity?
2. How was the devil made powerless in the death of Jesus? (Heb. 2:14)
3. How did the devil come to have the power of death (Gen. 3), and how is that power demonstrated in the world today?
4. How does Jesus’ death free us from the fear of death? (Heb. 2:15)
5. Do you fear death? Do you ever feel enslaved by death? What has Jesus done that calms such fear and break such enslavement?
6. Since Jesus helps the descendant of Abraham (Heb. 2:16), who can expect His help? Is the descendant of Abraham representative of only Jews? (See Gal. 3:14) Why do you think the author limits Jesus’ help to the descendant of Abraham?
7. Why was it necessary that Jesus might become a high priest? What makes Jesus a better high priest than those who went before Him? See Heb. 8:1-13. In what ways do you rely on Jesus’ priestly ministry?
8. Another word for propitiation (NASB Heb. 2:17) is atonement. What does it mean to make atonement for sins (Heb. 9:22) and why is Jesus’ atonement, necessary? Can you offer effective propitiation for your sins? Why or why not?
9. One of the duties of a priest is to represent his people before God. How do the temptations of Christ prepare Him to represent you and come to your aid? (Heb. 2:18)
10. Is the humanity of Jesus a truth that transforms? Has it transformed you? If so, in what ways?