

God Has Spoken

Hebrews 1:1-2

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Background

We launch a new sermon series, on the Book of Hebrews, entitled *Christ Before Us*. In the past God spoke to Israel through the prophets, in words preserved as Israel's Scriptures, what we know as the Old Testament. God has spoken again in his Son, who both fulfills and is better than those Scriptures. He became like us in our humanity, to offer his own self for our atonement, so that we might become like him. The book repeatedly places Jesus before us, urging us to look to Jesus, to see him, to consider him. It also shows how Jesus has gone before us, faithful to the end. He is our faithful forerunner, whom we are called to faithfully follow.

Sermon Texts: Heb 1:1-2 (NIV)

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sunday questions

- We had an announcement about volunteers needed to help with the Grace project. Is that a place where you could serve? Why or why not?
- As you reflect on this sermon, what stands out to you the most? Why?
- God spoke and spoke and spoke to the ancient Israelites, but the Israelites failed to listen, so God eventually stopped speaking. Then, he spoke one more time through his Son. Do you feel like you listen for God on a daily basis? Why or why not?

- d. Bernard talked about a constant danger in our life of gradually drifting away and failing to listen. Has this happened in your life? Explain. Moving forward, what could help you to not drift away?
- e. Bernard has named this Hebrews study, "Christ Before Us." How do you regularly pay attention to and cultivate your love for Jesus?