

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — August 20, 2023

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Old Testament Reading: [Psalm 110](#); New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 1:1-3](#)

This Week: “Jesus: God’s Final Word,” [Hebrews 1:1-4](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

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Exordium — introduction to a discourse/speech

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Chiastic Exordium

A — The Son as Superior Message ([v. 1-2a](#))

B — The Son’s Appointment ([v. 2b](#))

C — As Medium of God’s Glory ([v. 2c](#))

C’ — As Mediator of God’s Grace ([v. 3a-3b](#))

B’ — The Son’s Exaltation ([v. 3c](#))

A’ — The Son as Superior Messenger ([v. 4](#))

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How and to Whom does the author equate Jesus?

How are ways has God spoken? Through whom has God spoken?

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The prophets were God’s interim, incomplete and impersonal word.

How has God spoken in these last days (final age)?

When was the end of the previous age? ([Luke 16:16a](#); [Mark 1:15](#))

What makes this the final age? ([Romans 10:4a](#); [Luke 14:27](#))

The Son is God’s final, complete, and personal Word.

What does it mean for Jesus to have been “appointed heir of all things”? ([Psalm 2:7-8](#); [Genesis 1:1,3a](#); [Psalm 33:6,9](#); [John 1:1,3](#); [1 Corinthians 8:6](#))

What is the radiance God’s (*Shekinah*) glory?

- The presence of God amongst His people ([Exodus 19:16-18](#); [Exodus 40:34-38](#); [1 Kings 6:13](#))
 - The glory of God dwelling in the Temple ([2 Chronicles 7:1](#))
 - How God dwells in the mountain ([Psalm 68:16-18](#); [Joel 3:17](#))
- (See also: [Exodus 33:18-19](#); [Exodus 34:5-6, 29](#); [Ezekiel 1:26-28](#).)

What does it mean “the exact representation of His being?” ([John 14:8-9](#); [Colossians 2:9](#))

What does it mean that He sustains “all things by his powerful word”? ([Colossians 1:15-17](#))

The Son is the Divinity on Display

- Atonement—purification of our sin ([Leviticus 16:30](#))
- At the right hand of God ([Psalm 110:1](#); [Acts 2:32-33](#))
- Above all names ([Deuteronomy 33:3](#); [Galatians 3:19](#); [Philippians 2:6-11](#))

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