

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Hb 2:8-10 - v16 quotes Ps 8 - Jesus = Adam of world to come.
  - a. but *we do not yet see all things subjected to Him*
  - b. but by faith, we see Jesus *crowned w/ glory - previously was made for a little while lower than the angels - suffering death*
2. The Author & Finisher of our faith [Hb 12:1-2] has gone before us [Hb 4]
3. Jesus knew His exalted identity while on earth as the Son of Most High.

**1st: Jesus Is The Son of the Most High at His Birth**

1. Lk 1:31-33 Jesus is *the Son of the Most High*. Jesus defines "sons of the Most High".
2. *He will be great* - Mic 5:2,4
3. *Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David*: 2 Sam 7:11-16
4. *reign over house of Jacob*: God's elect nation
5. *Son of Most High* concerns exercise of gov't: kingly rule.
6. v35 The Son of God is incarnated & becomes the Son of the Most High

**2nd: Jesus Is The Son of the Most High as He Accomplishes Our Redemption**

1. authority to forgive sins - Lk 5:20-26.
2. taught w/ authority - Lk 4:31-32
3. cast out demons w/ authority - Lk 4:33-36
4. accomplished our redemption - Jn 10:14-18
5. authority over life & death - Jn 5:24-27 - Jn 5:28-29 judge

**Applic #1: Jesus Defines Our Identity and Determines Our Mission**

1. Our identity: we are born from above by supernatural work of HS - Jn 3:6

2. Our mission - Jesus' authority informs our authority
  - i. We are authorized to declare the gospel - Rm 1:16.
  - ii. We are authorized to exercise the keys of kingdom as church - 1Pt 2:9
  - iii. We are authorized to worship & witness

**Applic #2: We Exercise Kingdom Authority by Christlike Service**

1. Uniform of servant - Jn 13:1-5
  - i. aware that *His hour had come - to depart out of this world*.
  - ii. loved His discs - *to the end*
  - iii. on battlefield - Satan, thru Judas, is on the move
  - iv. aware of divine Sonship - *He knew that the Father had given all things into His hands* = supreme sovereignty of cosmos
  - v. uniform of servant: wash feet of guests.
2. Juxtapose what Jesus knew of Himself & what He does - Mrk 9:35.
3. Jn 13:12-17 gives example for us - display dignity of our kingdom identity & authority by serving
4. Jesus knew it was His hour to depart - He was made *for a little while lower* than the angels
  - i. *for a little while lower* - 2 C 4:17 *momentary, light affliction*; 1 Pt 5:10 *after you have suffered for a little while*
  - ii. Hugh Martin, The Abiding Presence, p.179-180 on Col 1:27 *Christ in you the hope of glory*.
05. Look at church - *foolish, weak, base, despised, nothings & nobodies* [1C 1:26ff] & see w/ eyes of faith, w/ eternal perspective - Lk 12:32.
6. Lk 6:35