

## THE DIVINE INTERVENTION – PART II

“Jesus is One of Us”

Hebrews 2:10-18

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Christmas is a celebration of Jesus’ entrance into the human condition. Jesus was born a fully human being just like all of us. There are profound ramifications of Jesus’ humanity that the author of Hebrews brings to our attention. Jesus knows what it’s like to be a human being and endure the troubles of life. Because of that, he is able to help us through our deepest struggles. Today’s passage will explain the manner in which Jesus can help us.

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**#1. BECAUSE JESUS IS HUMAN HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SALVATION, vv. 10-11a**

- A. Jesus is bringing people back to glory
- B. Jesus is the pioneer of our salvation
- C. Jesus was perfected by a path of suffering
- D. Jesus makes us holy – consecrates us for service

**#2. BECAUSE JESUS IS HUMAN HE WILL LEAD HIS \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 11b-13**

- A. Jesus will be the preacher
- B. Jesus will be the singer
- C. Jesus put his trust in God
- D. Jesus was given children by God

**#3. BECAUSE JESUS IS HUMAN HE BROKE THE POWER OF DEATH THROUGH HIS \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 14-15**

- A. Jesus shared in humanity to be our substitute
- B. Jesus broke the Devil’s power
- C. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death

**#4. BECAUSE JESUS IS HUMAN HE QUALIFIED TO BE OUR \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 16-17**

- A. Jesus only helps Abraham’s descendants – not angels
- B. Jesus is our merciful & faithful high priest in perpetuity
- C. Jesus makes intercession for us in perpetuity, Heb 7:23-25
- D. Jesus made atonement for our sins once – done deal!

**#5. BECAUSE JESUS IS HUMAN HE IS ABLE TO HELP US THROUGH TIMES OF \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, v. 18, 4:15-16**

- A. Jesus has exhaustive knowledge of humanity
- B. Jesus overcame every temptation - sinless
- C. Jesus empathizes with our weaknesses, Heb 4:15-16
- D. Jesus invites us to the throne of grace with confidence
- E. Jesus gives mercy & grace to help as needed

## THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

- #1. Reflect on what it means for Jesus to be the pioneer of our salvation. (v. 10)
- #2. What does it mean that Jesus was made perfect by his suffering? (v. 10)
- #3. What are your thoughts on people fearing death? (vv. 14-15)
- #4. What does it mean to you that Jesus is fully human?
- #5. Describe the way(s) in which Jesus can help us through discouragement.
- #6. What are the implications of God's throne being called the "throne of grace?"
- #7. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

*Welcome*

*to*

*Hillcrest Church*

*Merry Christmas!*

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

*Hebrews 4:16*

*December 10, 2023*

*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce will continue his Christmas series titled "The Divine Intervention." Today's passage focuses on the humanity of Jesus and its implications for us.

Let's welcome Dave Zaragoza as our guest worship leader this morning. Dave previously served as worship leader at Hillcrest church.

Today is the second Sunday of Advent so the candle symbolizing faith will be light.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING FRIDAY THE 15th at 7PM**

Join the Hillcrest family at church a few minutes before 7pm and we will visit homes in the neighborhood and sing.

### **OPEN HOUSE AT BRUCE & CAROL'S – SATURDAY, DEC 16**

Everyone is invited for snacks and refreshments from 4-7pm. The address is 1961 Ambridge Dr., Roseville, CA. 95747

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CIRBY SCHOOL KIDS**

You can place your Christmas gifts under the tree in the sanctuary and the gifts will be delivered to the school Monday morning. Thanks for your generosity, the kids and families will be truly blessed.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

There will not be a morning service December 24th. Our candlelight service will be at 7pm.

### **UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Would you fill out the form at the back of the sanctuary so you can be included in the directory. If your contact information needs to be updated please do so.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS CANCELED FOR DECEMBER**

The Prayer Meeting on Tuesday nights is cancelled for the month of December as is the Wednesday Bible Study. Both will begin in January of 2024

## **SMALL GROUPS IN 2024**

One of our ministry goals for 2024 is to establish a small group ministry. There are many benefits to participating in a group that can help you grow spiritually. If you are interested in being involved in a group please sign up at the table in the back of the sanctuary.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)). Consider giving to the building fund so we can continue to upgrade our facility.

In order to replace the roof and do our electrical upgrades we had to borrow some money. Our debt is around \$19K, which we would like to eliminate ASAP. Would you prayerfully consider giving a little extra to pay off the loan so we can be debt free and avoid paying interest.

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hillcrest Church please indicate your interest by signing up in the back of the sanctuary and we will set a date for the class.

## **ANNUAL MEETING – VISION 2024**

Will be January 14<sup>th</sup> during the service. Pastor Bruce will be talking about the vision for 2024, there will be a slide show about 2023 in review, presentation of the budget, followed by a potluck celebration.