

Who will come through when it matters most?

"(v.1) So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. (v.2) The message God delivered through angels has always proved true, and the people were punished for every violation of the law and every act of disobedience. (v.3) What makes us think that we can escape if we are indifferent to this great salvation that was announced by the Lord Jesus himself? It was passed on to us by those who heard him speak, (v.4) and God verified the message by signs and wonders and various miracles and by giving gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose to do so.

(v.9) What we do see is Jesus, who 'for a little while was made lower than the angels' and now is 'crowned with glory and honor' because he suffered death for us. **Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone in all the world.** (v.10) And it was only right that God—who made everything and for whom everything was made—should bring his many children into glory. Through the suffering of Jesus, God made him a perfect leader, one fit to bring them into their salvation. (v.11) So now Jesus **and the ones he makes holy** have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters.

(v.12) For he said to God,

'I will declare the wonder of your name to my brothers and sisters.
I will praise you among all your people.'

(v.13) He also said,

'I will put my trust in him.'

And in the same context he said,

'Here I am—together with the children God has given me.'

(v.14) Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—Jesus also became flesh and blood by being born in human form. For **only** as a human being could he die, and **only** by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. (v.15) **Only** in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

(v.16) We all know that Jesus came to help the descendants of Abraham, not to help the angels. (v.17) Therefore, it was necessary for Jesus to be in **every** respect like us, his brothers and sisters, **so that** he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. He then could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. (v.18) Since he himself has gone through suffering and temptation, he is able to help us when we are being tempted."

Hebrews 2:1-4; 9-18 (NLT)

HOW CAN WE COME THROUGH WHEN IT MATTERS MOST?

1-Don't drift spiritually! (v.1)

HOW? Listen deeply,

Absorb thoroughly,

Commit completely!

HOW DID JESUS COME THROUGH FOR US WHEN IT MATTERED MOST?

-He left heaven and came to earth for us. (v.9)

-By God's grace, Jesus died for all of us. (v.9)

-Jesus makes us children of God; his brothers and sisters. (v.11-13)

-Jesus became flesh (human) like us by being born in human form. (V.14)

-Only as a human being could he die for us. (v.14)

-Only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who has the power of death. (v.14)

-Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (v.15)

-Jesus is in every respect like us. (v.17)

-Therefore, he is the merciful and faithful High Priest before God. (v.17)

-Jesus offered the sacrifice which would take away the sins of the people. (v.17)

-Jesus can help us when we are tempted. He understands what it means to be a human being. He has been tempted, as we are, yet he did not surrender to temptation. He will help us! (v.18)

"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the human position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on the cross. Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT)

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