

**Title: Jesus Our brother – Hebrews 2:10-18**

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**Read:**

<sup>10-13</sup>It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the Salvation Pioneer perfect through suffering as he leads all these people to glory. Since the One who saves and those who are saved have a common origin, Jesus doesn't hesitate to treat them as family, saying, I'll tell my good friends, my brothers and sisters, all I know about you; I'll join them in worship and praise to you. Again, he puts himself in the same family circle when he says, Even I live by placing my trust in God. And yet again, I'm here with the children God gave me. <sup>14-15</sup>Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death. By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death. <sup>16-18</sup>It's obvious, of course, that he didn't go to all this trouble for angels. It was for people like us, children of Abraham. That's why he had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when he came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, he would have already experienced it all himself—all the pain, all the testing—and would be able to help where help was needed.

**Think:**

Some people ask why Jesus needed to come in human form so that our sins could be forgiven. Why couldn't God just forgive us from Heaven? Well, there are lots of reasons, and the theology can get pretty mind-bending at times. But the bread and butter of it is this. The devil is like a wicked bank manager who deliberately got us men into debt by tempting us with a loan he knew we couldn't afford to pay back. This is how we became trapped by Satan. Jesus came to pay off our debt, but to do that He needed to take power of attorney over our accounts. He did that by taking on human flesh, and living a human life just like the rest of us. Maybe that's a lot of theology to take in, but think about this. How many millionaire celebrities do you think would be willing to come and live in your shoes, even for a few weeks, in order to pay off your debts? Probably not many. But God, who is so much greater, was not ashamed to come and live among us in the person of Jesus. Now Jesus in his bodily form returned to Heaven, because the debt was paid and finished with. But His Holy Spirit is still with us today to help us know that we are free from debt forever.

**Pray:**

Father God, thank you for paying the price of sin for me. Only You could have come up with a way to do it. Help me to always remember that my debt is paid, and never to think that the devil has any right over me. I belong to You Lord.

**Action:**

Jesus wasn't afraid to call us His brothers and sisters. Think about how you relate to your own brothers and sisters, and whether you make it a relationship to be proud of. If you don't have any brothers or sisters, try to think of anyone you know who might need support, and decide to be a kind of brother or sister to that person.