

Welcome to our return to the Book of Hebrews. This morning's topic follows the previous themes that are meant to prove that —

Jesus is better

These Jewish believers were questioning Jesus as Messiah:

Fully God (1:3) Fully Man (2:17, 4:15)

The author is concerned that his readers are . . . drifting away (2:1)

Jesus is greater than the angels (1:4); Moses (3:3);

and now, the High Priest (4:14)

|| "Oh, the Lord is good to me . . ." = Johnny Appleseed, ||  
aka—John Chapman

|| "Ho, ho, ho, merry . . ." = Santa Claus  
aka—Saint Nicholas ||

"In the order of Melchizedek" (6:20)

Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110:4

Jewish legend says—Shem, son of Noah, "known to be spiritually advanced."

### Hebrews 7:1-10

Verse 3, "resembling (made like) the Son of God"

Verse 4, "how great he was . . ."

Verse 4, Abraham honored him with a tenth.

The order of Melchizedek is forever because of Jesus.

- ✓ Jesus is forever better.
- ✓ Jesus is honored with a tenth.  
"A tenth represents the whole"
- ✓ Jesus will bless us as Melchizedek blessed Abraham.

May Jesus be greater than . . . in your life!

### Reflective Questions:

- 1) What person from history do you most admire? Why?
- 2) What impresses you about Melchizedek? How does he resemble Jesus?
- 3) What does giving a tenth have to do with honoring Christ? What other ways might you honor Christ?

