

Prophet, Priest and King  
Hebrews 1:1-4  
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**Main Idea:** Jesus is our prophet, priest and king who speaks to us, bears our burden and leads us into his kingdom.

### **Introduction**

No matter who you talk to about Jesus today it's hard to find a neutral perspective. Either people are for Jesus and positive about him, calling him a good teacher, or they are negative about Jesus. It seems everyone has a perspective on the man who walked the earth roughly 2000 years ago. The writer of Hebrews is no different. He tells us all about Jesus in these first four verses that introduce the book. He hails Jesus as a prophet, priest and king but not just these anointed offices of Israel. He claims that Jesus is the greatest of all these offices because of his work and person.

### **Hebrews 1:1–3a**

**1** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

- I.** Jesus is the greatest prophet.
  - A He is God's mouthpiece for today.
  - B He is God's representative.

### **Hebrews 1:3b**

**3b** After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

- II.** Jesus is the greatest priest.
  - A He provided purification for sins.
  - B He intercedes for us.

### **Hebrews 1:3b–4**

**3b** after making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

- III.** Jesus is the greatest king.

- A The roles the world from the throne on God's right hand.
- B He Inherits a mighty name above all names.

### **Conclusion**

Jesus is special and significant to us as believers. There is no one like him in all of history. He is anointed by God to serve God in extraordinary ways. As the greatest prophet he speaks directly to us through his Holy Spirit and the word of God. As our great high priest he made away of salvation from sin and intercedes for us at the right hand of God. As the King of Kings he rules the world and our hearts with love and righteousness. We are fortunate and blessed to have God who cares so much for us and is so deeply involved in our lives.