

Finding and Navigating The Narrow Way

Lesson 9 – **BROTHER, SAVIOR, FRIEND**

INTRODUCTION

A few lessons back, we saw how that Jesus is not just our Lord, **He is our Brother** as well. There are many facets to a relationship with Jesus. We know the Bible's declaration ([Jn.3:16](#)) that Jesus is the Savior who redeems us from our sins. Thomas upon seeing the resurrected Jesus, declares to Him, "*My Lord and my God*" in [Jn.20:28](#). And we have learned recently, the declaration of [Heb.2:10-18](#), that Jesus is also our Brother! Stop for a moment to consider these relationships...

CREATOR – [Heb.1:2](#) → All was made by Him, For Him, Through Him and In Him

REDEEMER / SACRIFICE - [Jn.3:16](#) / [Heb.8:6](#) → He paid the sacrifice, He Redeems!

SAVIOR – [Acts 2:36-38](#) / [Rom.5:11](#) → He is appointed by God as the Salvation of Man

GUIDE – [1 Pet.2:21](#) → His words and actions guide us and leave us an example to follow

SHEPHERD – [2 Pet.2:24,25](#) → He is our Leader and Guide, showing us the way to Life.

BROTHER – [Heb.2:10-18](#) → He is our Brother to walk beside us and understand

MEDIATOR – [1 Tim.2:5](#) → He is our Mediator to go to the Father on our behalf

KING – [Jn.1:49](#); [19:15-22](#) → He is our King, the ruler of all that we do, our Authority

SCRIPTURES FOR THIS LESSON

Matt 4:1-11 *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."*

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Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Mark 14:33-35 *And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.*

1 Cor 15:42-45 *So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

Heb 5:7 *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.*

Jas 1:2-6 *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

AFFIRMATIONS

- God is infinitely good, far more loving, gentle and kind to His children than any earthly mother or father imaginable.
- God is infinitely complete – there is NOTHING that can threaten Him. There is NOTHING that can be taken from Him so as to make him less than complete, nor added to Him because He is already complete and needs nothing.
- WE – YOU are made in the likeness and glory of God the Father. We are finite, yet in God through Jesus, we are in and have complete union with our Father and our Father with us. In this relationship, we ARE risen in Him, seated in heavenly places and there is NOTHING that can separate us from the love of God.
- Before you can know WHO you are, you must come to know WHO God is!

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- In life, there is only one RACE distinction that matters. You are either God's, or you are not. Which are we?
- Because you are in Christ and Christ is in YOU, YOU are in the Father and the Father is in YOU, and YOU are HIS CHILD!
- There are two kingdoms that you can see right now, fully integrated and both good. T But you need to understand what you choose and decide to put your roots in.
- All that is perishable are beautiful gifts, given by God for us to enjoy and use appropriately. Yet, it is only when we find that we can let go of them, that we find the true delight in them.
- If shame, deception, ego, and fear blind, only God's love can bring back sight. Only through a renewing of the mind, empowered by the Spirit of God, can one truly see
- **Purification is removing everything that keeps you blind to the fact, that God in Christ has taken YOU into HIS heart!**

QUESTIONS FOR THIS LESSON

What does it mean to surrender all that you think you are and know, to find in Christ, who you truly are? _____

The scripture states in Heb.5, that Jesus learned obedience through all that He suffered. How does this help us in our walk with God and Christ? What does this statement say to you?

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Is what or HOW Jesus suffered, and what He learned in that, any different than what we can learn (other than the fact that we don't have to die?) _____

Jesus is the embodiment of all that God is, and the embodiment of all that God wants for us. The fact that Jesus' own words were, "Not my will but Your Will be done" help us and how does this differ from the legacy that Adam and Eve left us? _____
