

#TargetPractice: What does it mean for Jesus to be our High Priest?

We have all heard about Jesus dying on the cross and rising back to life. He then ascended into heaven. But what is He doing now?

Hebrews 8:1 says *“We do have a high priest who sits on the right side of God’s throne in heaven.”* (ICB)

The ‘high priest’ is referring to Jesus. He is at the right hand of God. This is a place that shows He is equal with God. It also represents a place of authority and honor. It also is a place where He is able to act as our high priest and intercede for us.

So what does that mean?

Do you know what a high priest did in the Old Testament? The high priest stood between Holy God and the sinful people. In order for the people to have a relationship with God, the priest would go between. Kind of like if you needed to tell something to someone in another part of the house and you send someone else to deliver a message.

Unlike you sending a message, though, the high priest could only go before God with a sacrifice of a lamb or bull. That was the way the priest was cleansed to go before God. He would then be able to make a sacrifice for the sins of the people.

Jesus is our High Priest. He also has a sacrifice when He goes before God on our behalf. What is that sacrifice? Himself...when He died on the cross!

So now Jesus forever stands before God showing His sacrifice so that we can be close to God. Because of His sacrifice and Him being the go-between for us, we can have a relationship with God.

So...What does it mean for Jesus to be our High Priest?