Study Guide: Remember Jesus

Sermon Theme: Remembering Jesus protects believers from spiritual drift and keeps them anchored in salvation.

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Scripture Focus	Preacher	Date
Hebrews 2:1-9	Steve Haney	September 27, 2026

OPENING THOUGHT

Memory plays an important role in every area of life. We remember important dates, relationships, lessons learned, and experiences that shape who we are. Yet even important things can slowly fade from our attention. The Christian life is no different. Spiritual drift rarely begins with outright rebellion. More often, it begins when believers gradually stop focusing on Jesus and forget the significance of what He has done for them.

The writer of Hebrews warns his readers to pay close attention to the message they have received so they do not drift away. This warning remains relevant today. Life becomes busy, distractions increase, and our attention can shift toward countless concerns. When Christ moves from the center of our thinking, spiritual growth often slows and faith can weaken.

This study explores why remembering Jesus matters, what happens when believers neglect their salvation, and how God provides practical ways to keep Christ at the center of everyday life. As you work through this guide, consider how intentionally remembering Jesus can strengthen your faith, deepen your gratitude, and renew your commitment to follow Him faithfully.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Primary Text

Hebrews 2:1-9

Why It Is Central to the Message

Hebrews 2 contains both the warning and the solution emphasized throughout the sermon. Believers are warned not to drift away from the salvation found in Christ and are continually directed back to Jesus, who suffered death on behalf of humanity and is now crowned with

glory and honor. The entire sermon revolves around the call to pay careful attention to Christ and remember Him faithfully.

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon examines Hebrews 2:1-9 and the danger of spiritual drift. Using examples of how easily people misremember things, the message illustrates how Christians can also lose focus on what matters most. The writer of Hebrews urges believers to pay close attention to the message of Christ because He is greater than the angels and the source of salvation.

The sermon explains that neglecting salvation often begins when believers forget their need for a Savior and lose sight of what Christ has done for them. Through Scripture, worship, communion, prayer, and Christian fellowship, God continually calls His people to remember Jesus. By keeping Christ at the center of life and faith, believers can remain spiritually strong and faithful.

KEY TEACHING POINTS

Point 1: Pay Close Attention to Jesus

Explanation

Hebrews begins this section with a warning to pay much closer attention to what has been heard. The concern is not simply intellectual knowledge but spiritual attentiveness. Believers who stop paying attention to Christ often begin drifting without realizing it.

The sermon emphasizes that Jesus is greater than the angels discussed in Hebrews 1. If the messages delivered through angels proved trustworthy and reliable, then the message delivered by Christ deserves even greater attention and obedience.

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 2:1-3
- Hebrews 1
- Luke 9:35

Discuss & Reflect

1. What does it mean to "pay much closer attention" to the message of Christ?
2. Why does Hebrews compare Jesus with the angels?
3. What signs of spiritual drift can be seen in a believer's life?

Personal Application

1. What currently receives more attention in your life than your relationship with Christ?
2. What practical habit could help you focus more consistently on Jesus?

Point 2: Neglect Begins with Forgetting

Explanation

The sermon teaches that neglecting salvation often begins with forgetting what Christ has done. Many believers remember the excitement and gratitude they felt when they first understood God's grace, but over time it is possible to become spiritually complacent.

In this sermon, Steve connected this idea to Ephesians 2, reminding listeners that salvation is a gift of God's grace. Remembering where we were before Christ helps us maintain gratitude and dependence on Him.

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 2:3
- Ephesians 2:1-9
- Revelation 2:4-5

Discuss & Reflect

1. Why do people sometimes forget important spiritual truths?
2. How does Ephesians 2 describe our condition before salvation?
3. What relationship exists between gratitude and faithfulness?

Personal Application

1. When you think about your salvation story, what stands out most?
2. How can remembering God's grace change the way you live this week?

Point 3: Jesus Is Lord Over All

Explanation

Through Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2, the sermon highlights Christ's authority and lordship. Jesus became lower than the angels for a time by taking on human flesh, yet He was ultimately crowned with glory and honor because of His suffering and death.

Even when circumstances appear uncertain, Christ remains sovereign. Believers may not always see His control clearly, but nothing exists outside His authority.

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 2:6-9
- Psalm 8:4-6
- Colossians 1:15-20

Discuss & Reflect

1. What does Psalm 8 contribute to our understanding of Jesus?
2. Why was it significant that Jesus became lower than the angels for a time?
3. How does Christ's authority encourage believers during difficult circumstances?

Personal Application

1. Where do you struggle to trust Christ's control over your circumstances?
2. How would your perspective change if you remembered Christ's authority more consistently?

Point 4: Remember Jesus Daily

Explanation

The sermon concludes with practical ways believers can remember Jesus. Communion, prayer, worship, Scripture reading, loving others, and participation in church life all help keep Christ at the center of our attention.

God designed the Christian life to be lived in community. The church family serves as a visible reminder of Christ's love and helps believers remain faithful when faith becomes difficult.

Supporting Scriptures

- Luke 22:19
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- John 13:34-35
- Hebrews 12:2

Discuss & Reflect

1. Why did Jesus establish communion as a memorial?
2. How does Christian fellowship help prevent spiritual drift?
3. Which spiritual practices best help believers remember Christ?

Personal Application

1. Which spiritual discipline most helps you focus on Jesus?

2. How can you intentionally remember Christ every day this week?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Challenge

Choose one daily reminder that intentionally points your attention toward Jesus. This could be a dedicated prayer time, reading a portion of Scripture, expressing gratitude, or sharing Christ's love with someone else.

Reflection Question

What changes in my thoughts, attitudes, or actions would occur if I intentionally remembered Jesus throughout each day?

MEMORY VERSE

Reference

Hebrews 2:1

Full Verse

"Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it."

Why It Matters

This verse captures the central warning and application of the sermon. Spiritual drift is prevented when believers intentionally stay focused on Christ and His message.

PRAYER FOCUS

Praise

Lord Jesus, You are crowned with glory and honor. You are worthy of our worship, trust, and devotion.

Thanksgiving

Thank You for providing salvation through Your grace and for sending Jesus to suffer and die on our behalf.

Confession

Forgive us for the times we become distracted, complacent, or forgetful of Your goodness and faithfulness.

Request

Help us pay closer attention to Your Word and strengthen us against spiritual drift.

Commitment

We commit ourselves to remembering Jesus daily through prayer, worship, Scripture, service, and fellowship with other believers.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think people sometimes forget important things?
2. What are some ways our family can remember Jesus throughout the week?
3. What is one thing Jesus has done that makes you thankful today?

LEADER NOTES

Main Idea

Believers remain faithful when they intentionally remember Jesus and the salvation He provides.

Discussion Goal

Help participants understand that spiritual drift usually happens gradually and often begins when Christ is no longer the focus of daily life. Encourage the group to identify practical habits that help them remember Jesus and remain connected to Him through worship, Scripture, prayer, communion, and Christian fellowship.

Potential Challenges

- Understanding what spiritual drift looks like in everyday life.
- Distinguishing between occasional spiritual struggles and ongoing neglect.
- Trusting Christ's authority during difficult circumstances.
- Maintaining consistent spiritual disciplines amid busy schedules.

Key Takeaway

The best protection against spiritual drift is intentionally remembering Jesus every day.

NEXT STEP

Because Jesus gave His life to save me and remains Lord over all things, I will intentionally remember Him every day.

JOURNALING PAGE

What stood out most to me?

What is God teaching me?

What step of faith am I being called to take?

What will I do this week?

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