

**“Consider Jesus”**  
**A Sermon on Hebrews 3:1-6**  
**May 24, 2020**  
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**Sermon Text: Hebrews 3:1-6**

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**Primary Claim of the Text:** *Consider Jesus.*

**Sermon Synopsis:** The primary issue that the book of Hebrews addresses is the threat of apostasy. The original readers of this letter are believers who had put their hope and confidence in Jesus as their Lord, but in response to oppression, they are now tempted to turn away from the faith and retreat to the comfort and security of their former life. The author of Hebrews knows this community, and out of concern for them, he urges them to persevere in their profession of faith. After opening this letter with several bold claims about the supremacy of Jesus, the author now draws these themes together with a strikingly simple, yet profound exhortation: *consider Jesus*. In other words, what these wavering believers need first and foremost is careful consideration of Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession who reigns supreme over even the Moses of Judaism, the one they are tempted to retreat to.

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- II. Consider Jesus in Light of Moses (Heb. 3:2-6)

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### **II. Consider Jesus in Light of Moses (Heb. 3:2-6)**

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**Spiritual Growth Questions**  
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1. Read Hebrews 3:1-6 as a group and discuss your initial impressions of the text as a whole.
2. Look at v. 1. The author addresses these believers as, “holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling.” What makes believers holy? What is our heavenly calling? How do these two concepts impact your understanding of yourself as a believer?
3. Look at v. 1. The author calls Jesus “the apostle and high priest of our confession.” What does it mean for Jesus to be “the apostle”? Why is Jesus referred to as a high priest? Why would these specific roles of Jesus be worthy of our consideration if our faith begins to waver?
4. Look at v. 2. The author says that Jesus was “faithful to him who appointed him.” Skimming through the previous two chapters of Hebrews, list some of the things Jesus faithful accomplished. Why is it important to have a robust theological understanding of the person and work of Jesus in times of hardship?
5. Look at vv. 2-6. What comparisons and contrasts does the author make between Jesus and Moses? What is the point that the author is trying to make by comparing these two figures?
6. Look at v. 6. The claim is that Jesus is head over God’s house (i.e. household), and believers are that household. According to this verse, what signs show whether we are really part of the household of God?