

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Intro & Hebrews 1:1-4

1. Who wrote the book of Hebrews?
 - a. Paul.
 - b. Barnabas.
 - c. Apollos.
 - d. Who knows, but we know it is of God!

2. What sort of book is it?
 - a. Gospel.
 - b. Prophetic.
 - c. Epistle.

3. Who was the book of Hebrews written to?
 - a. I don't know, usually it is in the first verse!
 - b. Well, the title says Hebrews so maybe it was to the Hebrews.
 - c. There are a lot of references in the book to Israelite heritage, law, and beliefs. For instance, verse 1 says "our ancestors" and is referring to Israel as the prophets who spoke to them. It had to be either Jews or those who had largely accepted Jewish beliefs and background.

4. What is the writer of the Hebrews establishing in verse 1 and 2?
 - a. He is talking about how God spoke to His people in the past, namely through the prophets.
 - b. He says that these are the last days.
 - c. He says that God has now spoken to us in a new way, through His Son.
 - d. He reminds us that the Son existed from the beginning and was present in creation, as in John 1:1-3.
 - e. It seems that the writer is trying to tie God's work in Jesus Christ to things that Israelites already believed about what God had done in their past.

5. What does the writer tell us in verse 3 about the Son?
 - a. He is the radiance of God's glory.
 - b. He is the exact representation of His being.
 - c. He sustains all things by his word, which also reflects John 1 (which calls Jesus the Word) and reminds us of God speaking things into existence in Genesis 1.
 - d. It tells us that Jesus (or the Son) provided purification for sins.
 - e. It tells us that Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
 - f. It tells us that Jesus is superior to the angels, which were also messengers of God in the past and whom Israelites (and sometimes people today) often hold in higher esteem than Jesus.

6. Do we believe these things about Jesus? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

7. If we do, what does it mean for our life today? _____
