

Trading Spaces - Part 2: "Jesus; The Ultimate Trading Spaces Hero"

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JESUS TRADED SPACES BY...

John 1:1-3 NLT *"In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God. He was in the beginning with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that He didn't make."*

John 1:14 NLT *"So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us."*

1. ...giving up His _____ as God
2. ...leaving the _____ of Heaven
3. ...taking on the _____ of a human nature
4. ...serving _____
5. ...trusting God's _____

BECAUSE JESUS TRADED SPACES...

- **We get a great new _____ !**

Hebrews 4:14-16 NLT *"That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to Him and never stop trusting Him. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it."*

- **He understands our weaknesses and temptations and offers mercy and grace - 4:15**
- **He makes unlimited personal access to God for us - 4:16**

Heb. 7:22-26 NIV *"...Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood."*

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Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need - one who is holy, blameless pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day. ...he sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself."

- **He remains your priest forever (v.24)**
- **He can save everyone (v.25)**
- **He continually prays to the Father for us (v.25)**
- **He offers the perfect sacrifice because he is holy and blameless (v.26)**
- **He holds the highest place of honor (v. 26)**
- **He made a "once and for all" sacrifice for us (v.27)**
- **He became our sacrifice (v.27)**

- **We get a great new _____ !**

Heb. 7:19 *"For the law made nothing perfect, and now a 'better hope' has taken place. And that is how we draw near to God."*

- **Sacrifices by those guilty of sin / Self-sacrifice by the guiltless Christ**
- **Limited access to God / Unlimited access to God**
- **A physical building to go worship / Christ reigns in hearts of believers**
- **Failed agreement by people / Faithful agreement by Christ**
- **External standards and rules / Internal standards - a new heart**
- **Based on fear / based on love**
- **Obeys the rules / Get to serve, speak and love the living God**
- **Forgiveness earned / Forgiveness freely given**
- **Human effort / God's grace**
- **Available to some / Available to all**
- **A Shadow / A Reality**