**The Greatest Story – Week 3**

**Jesus, My High Priest**

***You Have A Personal High Priest, Superior to Any Other,***

***Whom You Can Trust to Mediate and Intercede on Your Behalf.***

a. Personal Testimony

b. The Importance of Abram’s Meeting with Melchizedek – Gen 14

It Demonstrated Abram’s Trust in God’s Promises

It Introduced Melchizedek who is Connected to Jesus Christ

c. Melchizedek/Levitical Priesthoods

d. The High Priesthood of Jesus (See Chart on Back)

As Mediator

As Intercessor

e. Summary of Jesus’ Intercessory Ministry as High Priest

f. The Application

Jesus is Your Mediator

Jesus is Your Intercessor

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| **A Comparison of Priesthoods**  **Order of Melchizedek**  **Aaronic (Levitical/Earthly) Priesthood**  **Jesus Christ Our High Priest** | | | |
|  | **Melchizedek** | **Levitical/Aaronic** | **Jesus Christ** |
| **The Priest** | Melchizedek was a King | Aaronic Priests were not Kings | Jesus is a King |
| **The Lineage** | No Record of Family Lineage | From the Family of Levi | From Eternity - No Human Father |
| **Length of Service** | Was Permanent (Eternal) | Was Temporary | Is Permanent (Eternal) |
| **Relationship to Law** | Not a Part of the Law of Moses | Was A Part of the Law of Moses | Is Not A Part of The Law of Moses |
| **Sacrifices Offered** | Unknown | Sacrificed for His Own Sins | Had No Sin |
| **Sacrifices Offered** | Sacrificed Animals for the People’s Sins | Was the Sacrifice for the People’s Sins |
| **Frequency of Sacrifice** | Sacrificed Every Year | Sacrificed Once for All |
| **Character of Priest** | Was Sinful and Weak | Is Holy, Blameless, Pure, Apart from Sinners – Perfect Forever |

**Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. - John 17:1–24 (NIV 1984)