

**Start with Prayer:** Check in with the group and share praises and prayer requests

**Read It:**

Hebrews 2:14-18

**Know It:**

**1. Jesus Represents Us: The Power of a New Record** The text says Jesus became a man to "get back to the starting line" and offer us His perfect record. Since we often define ourselves by our own performance or failures, how does it change your daily perspective to know that God legally views you through Jesus' perfect obedience instead of your own?

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**2. Jesus Replaces Us: The Two Trees** Compare "Adam's Tree" (the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil) with "Christ's Tree" (the Cross). Adam's disobedience brought death to all his descendants; how does Jesus' role as our **Atonement** provide a solution for the judgment we earned, and why was a "spotless sacrifice" the only way to do it?

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**3. Jesus Relates with Us: Empathy in the Struggle** Read **Hebrews 4:15-16**. We often view God as powerful, but here we see Him as empathetic. How does knowing that Jesus was "tempted in every way, just as we are" affect the way you talk to Him about your current struggles or hidden weaknesses?

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**4. Jesus Relates with Us: Grieving with Hope** In **John 11:33-36**, we see Jesus weeping at the grave of Lazarus even though He knew He was about to raise him. What does this tell us about how Jesus feels when we experience loss and pain today? Does this change how you view God's presence in your suffering?

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**Live it:**

**5. Personal Application:** Walking by faith, Jesus is essentially asking, "Do you trust me?" How will you or in what area will you trust in Jesus more this Christmas season - Yahweh, Son of God, Son of Man - your Lord and your friend?

## ADAM vs. JESUS: THE FIRST AND LAST ADAM

*"The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45

### ADAM

- Given authority over mankind
- Tempted and failed
- Man who desired to be like God
- Brought sin and death into the world
- Gave Satan authority
- Blamed his bride
- Cursed humanity in a garden
- Entered into sin from a tree
- Hid from God
- Cursed with thorns

### JESUS

- Given authority spirit kind
- Tempted and prevailed
- God who became man
- Delivers from sin and offers eternal life
- Took away Satan's authority
- Took the blame for his bride
- Removed the curse in a garden
- Died on a tree to free people from sin
- Stepped forward on our behalf
- Crowned with thorns

