

**Sermon Quotes**  
**April 23, 2006**  
**Study of Hebrews- Jesus, The Perfect High Priest**

**Matthew 26:57** ESV “Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas **the high priest**, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.”

**Mark 14:60-61** ESV And **the high priest** stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" (61) But he remained silent and made no answer. Again **the high priest asked him**, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

“In our fallen world, he who would know holiness must understand sin, and understand it down to the rebellious bone. This understanding of sin is **not gained through experiencing it**; the nature of sin is **always to darken the understanding**. The only man who understood sin perfectly was **the Man who never committed one**. We like to deceive ourselves about how streetwise we are when it comes to these moral questions, and we say that we can relate more effectively to one another because of our previous fellowship in sinning. But our sympathetic High Priest is the one who understands sin far better than we do, because He learned the truth from the Scriptures, and He experienced that truth in the application of resisting temptation.”

—Douglas Wilson

**Philippians 2:5-7** ESV “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but **made himself nothing**, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

**Luke 2:39-40** ESV “And when they (Joseph & Mary) had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. (40) And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.”

**Matthew 13:54-56** ESV “And coming **to his hometown** he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? (55) Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (56) And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

**Luke 22:39-45** ESV “And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. (40) And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." (41) And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, (42) saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." (43) And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. (44) And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (45) And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping...”

**Matthew 26:52-54** ESV Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. (53) Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? (54) But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

“The priests under the Old Covenant were bridge builders to God. Men could not come directly into God’s presence, and God therefore appointed certain men to be ushers, as it were, to bring men into His presence. The way to God was opened only as the priests offered sacrifices—day in and day out, year after year—presenting the blood of animals to God. The priests were God’s mediators. But with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, the need for the Temple and for the Levitical priesthood was ended. There was no longer a requirement for a high priest such as those who succeeded Aaron, or for any human priest at all. Jesus was both High Priest and sacrifice, and provided eternally for man an opening into God’s presence. At His crucifixion, the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, exposing the Holy of Holies to anyone who would come to God through the Son. In one perfect act of sacrifice, Jesus Christ accomplished what thousands upon thousands of sacrifices by a multitude of priests never accomplished. **He opened the way to God permanently**, so that **any man at any time by faith in Christ** might enter into God’s presence.”

—John MacArthur