

Hebrews 7:1-10

Melchizedek the Priest

Central Idea

Jesus Is Not Superior To *Some*

Jesus Is Superior To *All*

OPEN IT

- What does your name mean?
- Does the meaning of your name fit your personality?
- What person in history do you most admire? Why?
- If you could have dinner with any three Bible characters, who would you choose? Why?

EXPLORE IT

- Who was Melchizedek (7:1)
- How was Melchizedek associated with Abraham? (7:1)
- What did Abraham give to Melchizedek? (7:2)
- What does the name Melchizedek mean? (7:2)
- What is significant about the title, “king of Salem”? (7:2)
- What about the Genesis record of Melchizedek’s life foreshadowed or anticipated the priesthood of Christ? (7:3)
- How do we know that Melchizedek was “great”? (7:4)
- How did the Mosaic law ensure that the Levitical priests were provided for? (7:5)
- Why was it usual for Melchizedek to receive a tithe from Abraham? (7:6)
- What did the ancient practice of one person blessing another say about the two parties involved? (7:7)
- How did the tithe collected by Melchizedek differ from the tithes collected by the Levites? (7:8)
- How did Levi—the yet-unborn collector of tithes—pay tithes to Melchizedek? (7:9-10)

GET IT

- In what ways is Jesus like Melchizedek?
- What point is there in seeing that the historical Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and Levi?
- What does it mean to you that Christ, like Melchizedek, is both a great king and priest?
- In what ways has Christ blessed you?
- What is it important to tithe or give to God?
- What kind of behavior should the greatness of Christ elicit from us?
- What does it mean that Christ is a high priest forever?

APPLY IT

- Because Jesus is great and worthy of our all, what gift of time, money, or energy will you give to Him this week?
- What insight from this passage can you mediate upon today to keep you from drifting away from Christ?
- In what way can you honor Christ this week?

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Trust That Christ Is Superior Over All!