

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 178. Jesus, the great high priest



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**LOOKING FURTHER:** John 20:1-18

**What does this Bible passage tell us?**

Today, as we celebrate Easter in the company of millions of others across the world, these words will ring out: ‘Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia.’

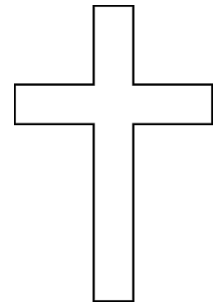
In this reading from Hebrews, we are reminded that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus came as a vulnerable baby and lived among us to show us God’s love. He laid down His life for us on the cross. God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day. Jesus ascended to heaven and through Him our sins are forgiven.

Jesus is the great High Priest. He understands our human weaknesses and, although He was tempted in every way, He did not sin.

We are encouraged to come before God in prayer, with confidence that we are welcomed and loved, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

What fantastic Good News for this Easter Day and for the rest of our lives!

‘Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!’



**Reflections:**

- Give thanks that Jesus understands our human weaknesses and welcomes us.
- Read through John 20:1-18, John’s account of the resurrection of Jesus, and note down your reflections on the back of this sheet.
- In prayer, bring anything you are worried about to God. Ask for God’s mercy and grace to be with you.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

