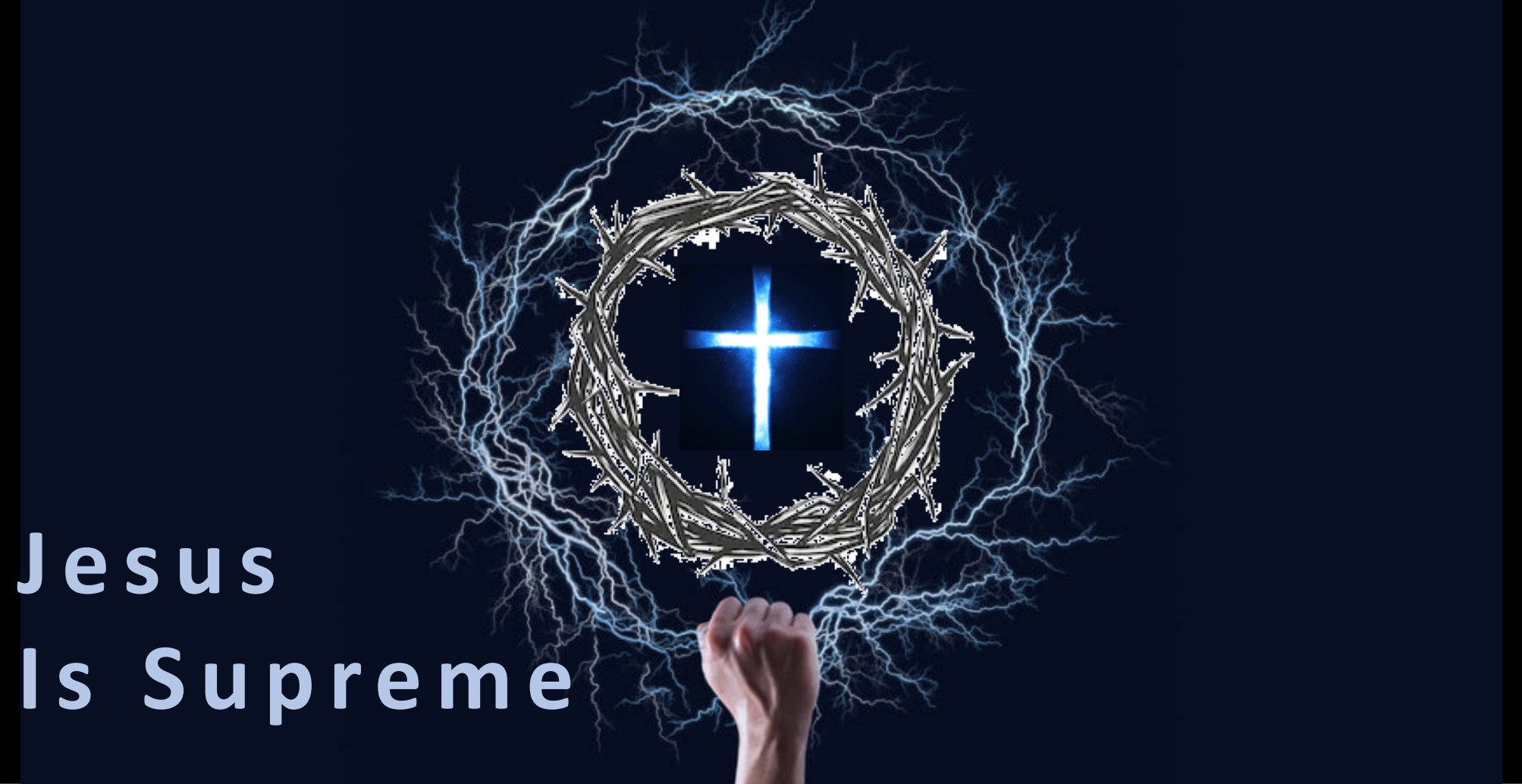




Jesus
Is Supreme

On to Maturity

Hebrews 5:11 – 6:12

Falling Away ...

- ★ Vancouver Sun Aug 30th, 2019
 - ◆ Joshua Harris “I Kissed dating goodbye”
 - ◆ Declared he is no longer a Christian
 - ◆ Marty Sampson (Hillsong) “losing his faith”
- ★ Passage seems to speak directly to this

1. Unskilled or Trained

★ Central of 5 warning passages

- ◆ 2:1-4 & 12:14-29 Hear / listen
- ◆ 3:7-4:13 & 10:19-39 Stand firm / Obey
- ◆ 5:11 – 6:12 Persevere

1. Unskilled or Trained ...

★ Lead up in 5:11-6:3

- ◆ Prev – Jesus is High Priest, order of Melchizedek
- ◆ Salvation he offers greater than Moses & Lev Priests

★ Unskilled (v 13) -vs- Trained (v 14)

- ◆ Go on to maturity – powers of discernment trained
- ◆ Still have to learn foundational matters
 - ◆ Our day – considered mature even if we know the basics

2. Blessing or Curse

★ Very centre

- ◆ Land producing useful crop – blessed (v 7)
- ◆ Land with thorns & thistles – cursed (v 8)
- ◆ Simile of faithful and faithless

★ Those who have “tasted” – Spirit, Word, Power

- ◆ Who fall away – same contempt as the crucifiers

2. Blessing or Curse ...

- ★ Might I be one of them?
 - ◆ Can I lose my salvation?
- ★ Skeptical of explaining away or dismissing
- ★ It is a warning not to fall away

2. Blessing or Curse ...

★ Consider 3 points

- ◆ Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
- ◆ Denials & restoration of Peter. (Mt 26:69f, Jn 21:15f)
- ◆ Guaranteed acceptance - drawn by God (Jn 6:37f)

★ When we repent we are warmly welcomed

- ◆ God will not overrule decision to reject Jesus
- ◆ Warning does not apply to any who return to faith

3. Earnest or Sluggish

★ Positive encouragement

- ◆ Confident of better things (v 9)
- ◆ Their “work,” “love” and “service” (v 10)
- ◆ Imitate those who imitate & inherit

Living It – On to Maturity

- ★ Rejecting God & falling away is very dangerous
- ★ Moving to maturity
 - ◆ Through solid & deep understanding
 - ◆ Living out his call
 - ◆ Know what to do & do it!