**The Priesthood of Christ in the Book of Hebrews**

“Only the writer of Hebrews, in every chapter from the beginning to the end of his epistle, speaks about Christ’s priesthood.”
 -- Simon Kistemaker “Hebrews” in *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the New Testament* edited by Michael J. Kruger (Crossway, 2016) page 412.

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| **Hebrews** | **Reference to Priesthood** |
| 1:3 | “After making purification for sins” |
| 2:17 | “that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God” |
| 3:1 | “consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession” |
| 4:14 | “Since then we have a great high priest . . . Jesus, the Son of God” |
| 5:5 | “So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest” |
| 5:10 | “[he was] designated by God a high priest” |
| 6:20 | “[he has] become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” |
| 7:3 | “resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever” |
| 8:1 | “we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of Majesty” |
| 9:11 | “Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come” |
| 10:21 | “since we have a great priest over the house of God” |
| 11:28 | “By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood” |
| 12:24 | “to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood” |
| 13:12 | “So Jesus also suffered . . .to sanctify the people through his own blood” |