

# TALK IT OVER

The Promised Priest

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the perfect Priest we have always needed.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

What was the month and day of your “noel,” your birth announcement, and where was it?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [Three Key Roles](#) (4 min. read)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.* Luke 2:11 NIV/NCV

*So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.* Hebrews 9:11 NLT

*This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all the same testing we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.* Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT

“The word ‘Noel’ means ‘good news’ or ‘birth announcement.’”

“Every great story begins with a great longing. For centuries Israel’s deepest longing was for someone to permanently bridge the gap between sinful people and a holy God. Then Jesus came, and the Scriptures declare something extraordinary: Jesus Christ has come, and He is the perfect high priest.”

“Because of Jesus, God’s throne has now become the throne of Grace.”

– Quotes by Dwight Mason

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We need and appreciate our pastors today, but they are very different from people needing priests to take them to God. Think what that must have been like. Take a moment and thank God for the difference the Noel of Jesus makes for you. Jesus is the perfect High Priest. He changes everything about how we approach God. **He understands us.** He gets every emotion, temptation, and struggle. In what area does that mean the most to you right now and why? **He offers complete forgiveness.** Jesus does not forgive from a distance. He became one of us so He could completely understand and stand before God on our behalf. What qualified Him to represent us to God? What would you say to a person who doesn’t believe they can ever be truly and permanently forgiven? **He gives bold access to God.** Discuss the symbolism of the veil of the holy place in the Temple being torn in two from top to bottom when Jesus died. The throne of God in the Old Testament was a throne of judgment. Jesus changed it to a throne of grace. What “holdovers” do you see or experience from the Old Testament understanding in your faith experience? Discuss your confidence in approaching God. As you prayed this week, you went to the throne of God with your need. What “grace” did you find for your time of need?

## ACTION STEP

Jesus, You understand me, You speak for me, You stand for me, You invite me to come boldly to You and find mercy and grace. Today I do that with a new commitment to regularly come to you daily with everything before I go to anyone else.