



"And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance  
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### **WHICH ONE IS GREATER?**

Monday evening both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump tried to persuade Americans that they are the better presidential candidate and more worthy of citizens' trust to lead the country. Going into the debate, polls indicated that most voters didn't consider either candidate to be honest and trustworthy. To gain an advantage in the race, Clinton and Trump attacked each other during the debate and made many promises regarding what they would do in the future if elected.

### **CHRIST IS GREATEST**

The superlatives used in today's text to describe Jesus obviously place him above any other person who has ever lived. God has already "elected" him. He is superior to the angels; he was God's agent in creating the universe; he is the radiance of God's glory; he sustains all created things; and perhaps most important, he is the one who has provided the way for us to be purified from our sins. This is what he is and what he has done, not just what he has promised.

1. What personal characteristics make a leader great, whether we're speaking of political, religious, or other types of leadership?
2. Can a leader be great without being likeable or trustworthy? Explain.
3. How can we raise up better leaders in our society?
4. What do the characteristics of Jesus mentioned in Hebrews 1 mean to you personally? How have they affected your life?
5. How should our heavenly Leader's holding the "scepter of justice" (Hebrews 1:8) affect how we live as his followers?

—Charles R. Boatman

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