

## Where Does Jesus Dwell?

(John 1:35-39)

### Discussion:

1. On this occasion John introduced 2 of his disciples to Jesus.
2. As he did so, John identified Jesus as *"the Lamb of God."*
3. These 2 men followed Jesus and talked with Him.
4. (vs.38b) They asked the Lord, *"where dwellest thou?"*
5. After spending that day with Jesus, they were convinced that He is *"the Christ."*
6. Our lesson is based on the question that these men asked the Lord -- "where does Jesus dwell?"

### Discussion:

- I. ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, JESUS DWELLS AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND
  - A. Let us first consider an Old Testament prophecy in Psalm 110:1 -- David prophesied that "his Lord" would be seated at "the Lord's" right hand.
    1. Jesus pointed out in Matthew 22:41-46 that David wrote about Him.
    2. Peter also showed in Acts 2:32-35 that David wrote about Jesus.
  - B. During His trials Jesus indicated that He would sit *"on the right hand of power."*
    1. Jesus made this statement during His trial before Caiaphas the high priest (Matthew 26:62-64).
    2. Jesus also made this statement during His trial before the Jewish council (Luke 22:66-69).
  - C. Jesus is presently at the Father's right hand.
    1. When He ascended to heaven after His resurrection Jesus *"sat on the right hand of God"* (Mark 16:19).
    2. Stephen saw Jesus *"standing on the right hand of God"* (Acts 7:54-60).
    3. Peter showed in 1 Peter 3:21-22 that Jesus *"is on the right hand of God."*
- II. AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND JESUS FULFILLS A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ROLES
  - A. Jesus "intercedes" on our behalf (Romans 8:34).
    1. Intercede: to plead or make a petition on behalf of someone else
    2. To illustrate, see Romans 8:26-27.
    3. When we pray, we pray to the Father through Christ (John 16:23b).
    4. As we pray, Christ intercedes in that He pleads on our behalf.
  - B. Jesus is our "mediator" (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

1. Mediator: a go-between, one who reconciles, one who intervenes between 2 parties to make peace
  2. Our mediator with the Father is Christ who gave Himself for us.
- C. Jesus is our "advocate" (1 John 2:1-2).
1. Advocate: one who pleads another's case before a judge
  2. To help us appreciate the fact that Jesus is our advocate, let us keep in mind that:
    - a. John wrote to help us avoid sin
    - b. we do sin (1 John 1:8).
  3. When we sin we have a very special advocate with the Father.
    - a. He is called "*the righteous.*"
    - b. He is "*the propitiation for our sins.*"
- D. Jesus is our "High Priest" (Hebrews 8:1; 10:11-14).

Conclusion:

1. Where does Jesus dwell? [He dwells in heaven at the right hand of God.]
2. At the Father's right hand,:
  - a. Jesus intercedes on our behalf
  - b. Jesus is our mediator
  - c. Jesus is our advocate
  - d. Jesus is our High Priest.
3. Let us love Him, trust Him, submit to Him, and serve Him faithfully.
4. Those who do so will spend eternity with Him.