

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #3 –Jesus is our Mediator

Scripture Reading: 1Timothy 2:3-7

Introduction:

1. Mediator –brings agreement between two parties in conflict; a go-between
2. Jesus is the only one qualified to be our Mediator
3. What are the qualifications of Jesus?

I. HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH THE FATHER

A. FROM THE BEGINNING

1. He was active in the creation of the world –Jn 1:1-3; Co 1:16-17
2. He had glory with the Father before the world was –Jn 17:5

B. HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE

1. It was not robbery to be equal with God –Ph 2:5-6
2. He was rich and became poor for us -2Co 8:9

II. HE BECAME FLESH

A. THE WORD BECAME FLESH –Jn 1:14

1. He had to be made like His brethren –He 2:13-14
2. He experienced humanity
 - a. He knew hunger –Mt 4:2
 - b. He knew thirst –Jn 19:28
 - c. He knew exhaustion –Mk 4:37-38
 - d. He knew grief / loss –Jn 11:35

B. HE SUFFERED IN THE FLESH –Is 53:4-7

1. He was beaten for our transgressions
2. He was spat on
3. He was mocked and hit
4. He had a crown of thorns placed on His head
5. He was nailed to the cross
6. He went through all of the suffering for us

III. HE RETURNED TO THE FATHER

A. THE EVIDENCE

1. The Spirit of God coming on the apostles –Ac 2:1-ff
2. The lame man healed –Ac 3:1-ff

B. THE BENEFITS

1. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant –He 8:6, 9:15, 12:24
2. He pleads our case before the Father
 - a. As we walk in the light -1Jn 1:7
 - b. He is our Advocate -1Jn 2:2

Conclusion:

1. Remember there is only one Mediator between God and man; Jesus
 - a. There are many imposters
 - b. Only Jesus came from heaven, lived as one of us, died without sins for our sins, and returned to the Father never again to taste of death. No one else can claim this!
2. Christians are never alone in the fight against sin and temptation.