

WHERE IS HE?

John 7:11

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Jesus was a very popular man. Some wanted to kill him, some wanted to make Him their king, some wanted to see Him do miracles, some were just curious and then some really needed Him. With the feast of the tabernacles coming up, everyone knew that Jesus would be there, so everyone was looking for Him and asking each other "Where Is He?" Have you seen Him? If only people today would ask that same question, "Where is He? Where is Jesus?"

I. "WHERE IS JESUS?" IS A QUESTION ASKED BY MANY

1. When Jesus was here on earth, some people hated Him and wanted to kill Him.
 - Upon His birth, King Herod asked where He was, pretending that he wanted to worship Him, but in reality he wanted to kill Him.
 - *Matthew 2:1-13*
 - Through the centuries there have been countless who have sought to destroy Jesus' gospel, those who believe in Him.
 - Some have pretended to believe but were in disguise, wanting to tear down the work of Jesus' gospel.
2. There are those who deny Jesus' very existence, infidels, non-believers, mock Christians, those who believe in Jesus, asking "Well, where is He?"
 - *2 Peter 3:3-4*
3. Then there are some of those who believe in Jesus who are afraid and ask "where is He?"
 - Trials, troubles, heartaches and grief sometimes cause believers to ask "Where is Jesus? Where is His power, His promises, His providence."
 - Job did. (*Job 23:8-9*)
 - David did. (*Psalms 22:1*)
4. Those wanting to get their lives straightened out ask "Where is He?" so they might go to Him, confess their sins and find peace.
 - *Psalms 27:8; Isaiah 26:9*
5. Every believer in the Lord Jesus seek Him with all their hearts, eagerly looking for Him.
 - *2 Corinthians 5:9*
 - *Philippians 3:7-14*
6. Those who sincerely love the Lord Jesus, are constantly looking for Him.
 - Whenever the Lord withdraws Himself from one of His own because of sin or disobedience, the heart of that believer is sorry for that sin and want the Lord to return and restore the joy on his/her salvation.
7. Believers who long for the Lord's coming cry out, "Where is He?"
 - *Revelation 22:20*

II. JUST WHERE IS JESUS?

1. Jesus is in close to the Heavenly Father (in His bosom).
 - *John 1:18*
2. Jesus is in the midst of heaven where there is much glory:
 - A Throne.
 - The Lamb in the Midst of the Throne

- The rainbow around the Throne.
 - The Four living Creatures.
 - The Four and Twenty Elders upon the Four and Twenty Seats.
 - Jesus is the precious LAMB of Glory.
 - **Revelation 5:9-13**
3. Jesus is on the Throne of Universal Dominion.
 - Jesus must reign until He has made all His enemies His foot stool. Jesus is Lord of all forever.
 - **John 17:2**
 - **Romans 14:9**
 4. Jesus is at the right hand of almighty God, representing believers as their High Priest.
 - **Romans 8:17; 34**
 5. Jesus is on the Throne of Grace, giving out mercy to helpless, guilty, needy sinners.
 - He is within reach of needy sinners, accessible to all who seek Him.
 - **Hebrews 4:15-16**

III. WHERE CAN JESUS BE FOUND BY THOSE WHO SEEK HIM?

1. He can be found at the mercy-seat when one cries out to Him in secret prayer.
 - **Isaiah 65:24**
2. He can be found in God's Word.
 - **John 5:39**
 - **Luke 24:44-47**
3. He can be found where two or three are gathered together in His name.
 - **Matthew 18:20**
4. He can be found at the communion Table.
 - In the Bread (His body).
 - In the Wine (His blood).
5. He can be found wherever one is witnessing, preaching, spreading the gospel.
 - **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - Any who seek to do His will and to honor His name, He will be with them.
 - In sympathy.
 - As guide.
 - To strengthen.
 - To protect.
 - To bring success and gain as the Father wills.
6. He can be found when persecutions, trials, difficulties, and disappointments come to His own.
 - He is their Rock and their Salvation.
 - **Isaiah 43:1-5**
7. He is always there for His own.
 - He is always near.
 - He is always there.
 - He is always IN His own.
 - **Philippians 4:4-7**
 - **Colossians 1:27**

CONCLUSION:

1. Where is Jesus with YOU?
- Is He IN you?
- *1 Corinthians 11:27-28*
- *2 Corinthians 13:5*
2. Is Jesus your ONLY hope and foundation of your faith?
3. Is Jesus the root of all your joys?
4. Is Jesus Christ KING of your heart?
5. Is His presence revealed in your spirit, attitude, words and actions?
6. WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS JESUS?