

WHERE IS JESUS?

John 7:11

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Introduction: From the time Jesus started His ministry people were always asking "where is He?" Some wanted to see His miracles, some wanted to make Him king, some wanted to hear what He had to say, some had a need that they thought He could help with, others wanted to kill Him and many were just curious. Today there are certain places where Jesus may be found by those who seek Him with all their hearts. If one really wants to find Jesus, there are places where He may be found.

I. THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED THROUGH THE CENTURIES

1. When Jesus was here on earth, many asked where he was because they hated Him and wanted to kill Him.
 - Starting with His birth, King Herod wanted to know where Jesus was so He could kill him.
- *Matthew 2:1-13*
 - There are countless "King Herods" who have wanted to destroy Jesus, His people, His Gospel by pretending that they wanted to worship Him.
- Through the centuries believers in Jesus have been persecuted and even put to death.
2. Non believers in Jesus have sneered at His name, denying that Jesus was/is who He said He was/is, making fun of Christians and asking, "where is this man Jesus?"
 - *2 Peter 3:3-4*
3. On the other hand the question as to where is Jesus is asked by fearing, trembling believers.
 - In times of distress, trials, troubles, heartache and grief, believers in Jesus have often cried out "where is Jesus?"
- Job cried out. *Job 23:8-9*
- David cried out. *Psalms 22:1*
 - Believers should never doubt God and Jesus.
- Jesus is worthy of total trust and confidence, however often believers are like the disciples in their little boat during the storm on the sea, being tossed about and they cried out, *"...Master, carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38)*
4. Those who humbly seek the Lord Jesus to confess their sins and obtain mercy also cry out "where is He?"
 - *Psalms 27:8; Isaiah 26:9*
5. Those who trust the Lord Jesus with all their hearts seek Him.
 - Believers in Jesus want to live their lives as Jesus did and look for His example.
- *2 Corinthians 5:9; Philippians 3:7-14*
6. Those who love the Lord Jesus earnestly seek Him.
 - When Jesus withdraws Himself and hides His face from believers because of their sinful neglect of Him or disobedience, they want to repent and restore their fellowship with Him and long for His presence once again in their lives.
7. Those who believe in Him and look anxiously for His second coming cry out "Where is He?"
 - *Revelation 22:20*

II. GOD'S WORD REVEALS WHERE JESUS IS

1. He is in God, the Father.
 - *John 1:18*
2. He is the center of Heaven.
 - *Revelation 4, 5*

3. He is on the throne of universal reign.
 - Jesus will reign there until all His enemies have become His "footstool."
 - **John 17:2; Romans 14:9**
4. He is at the right hand of almighty God on high, high priest and advocate for those who believe in Him.
 - **Romans 8:27; 34**
5. He is on the throne of Grace, dispensing mercy to helpless, guilty, needy sinners.
 - Jesus is accessible to all who seek Him.
 - **Hebrews 4:15-16**

III. THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM

1. Believers have found Him in their private places of prayer as they cried out to Him in secret prayer.
 - **Isaiah 65:24**
2. Believers have found Him in their Bibles.
 - **John 5:39; Luke 24:44-47**
3. Believers have found Him when gathered in worship with other believers.
 - **Matthew 18:20**
4. Believers have found Him at the communion table.
 - They found Him in the Bread.
 - They found Him in the wine.
5. Believers have found Him as they served Him in the world.
 - **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - As believers seek to do His will and honor His name by reaching out to others around the world they find that Jesus is with them:
 - He is with believers in sympathy.
 - He is with believers to guide them.
 - He is with believers to strengthen them.
 - He is with believers to protect them.
 - He is with believers to make their way successful according to God's will.
6. Believers have found Him in trials, persecution, every area of difficulty that they are exposed to.
 - There is never a place of need of the believer that Jesus is not there.
 - **Isaiah 43:1-5**
7. Believers have found that the Lord Jesus is Almighty God there with them.
 - **Philippians 4:4-7**
 - Jesus is always near the believer.
 - Jesus is always with the believer.
 - Jesus is always in the believer.

IV. DO YOU KNOW WHERE JESUS IS, PERSONALLY (CONCLUSION)

1. Is Jesus the only foundation of your hope, your faith?
2. Is Jesus the root of all your joys?
3. Is Jesus King on the throne of your heart?
4. Is His presence in you revealed in your spirit, attitude, words and actions?
5. Is Jesus the goal of your life, the hope of your soul, the end of your journey, the prize of heaven that you are longing for and working toward?
6. So, where is Jesus to you?

