

## “Who is Jesus, where is Jesus, and what is Jesus Doing Now?”

### *Matt. 16:15-18*

**Goal:** For all to have a better knowledge of who Jesus is. The hope is that this lesson will not only teach them about Jesus; but also whet their appetite to learn more about Him and to get close to Him personally.

#### **I. Who is Jesus?**

A. He is the only begotten Son of God.

□ Begotten = the direct offspring.

- **ILL: Heb. 11:17** “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,”

1. God wanted it to be very clear to us that Jesus was not the son of Joseph, but rather the Son of God. (Just as Isaac was Abraham’s only begotten; Jesus is God’s only begotten)
2. Man thought that Jesus was the son of the carpenter; but Jesus taught man that he was the Son of God, come down from heaven. **John 6: 41-43** “The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. [42] And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? [43] Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.”
3. Jesus was placed inside Mary by God. Jesus could not be born of man, because He would have be born with the same sinful nature you and I have. **Matt. 1:20** “But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

B. He is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

1. God required the shed blood of a spotless lamb to pay for the sins of all man.
  - **Matt. 26:28** “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
  - **Heb. 9:22** “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”
2. Jesus came to earth to be our spotless lamb. **II Cor. 5:21**
  - **John 1:29** “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
  - **John 1:35- 36** “Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; [36] And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!”

C. He is the good shepherd. **John 10:11** *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”*

1. He gave His life so we could be saved from our sins.
2. He gave His life so we would no longer be slaves to sin.
3. He gave His life so we could serve the Father and receive the benefits of being apart of the family of God.

## II. Where is Jesus and what is Jesus doing?

**Emphasis:** Jesus did not stay dead. He arose from the grave. Read: Lk. 24:1-6

- A. He is in heaven preparing a place for those who are saved. **John 14:1-3** *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [2] In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*
- B. He is in heaven at the right hand of God, waiting for His Father to tell Him, “It’s time, go get the children!”
1. **Heb. 10:12** *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;”*
  2. **I Peter 3:22** *“Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.”*
- C. He is in heaven making intercession for us. We have access to the Father by prayer through Jesus.
- o **ILL:** You can visualize this point by folding up a piece of paper and have them take it to another student. This pictures Jesus taking our prayer request to God for us.
1. **Rom. 8:26 -27** *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*
  2. **Rom. 8:34b** *“...It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for”*

**Close:**

- How well do you know your Saviour?
  - o What he looks like?
  - o What he sounds like?
  - o What he likes.

### **Acts 1:11**

*“Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”*