

“JESUS – His Present Ministry”

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is ETERNAL ... appearing as God in visible form ... becoming our Savior ... providing God’s perfect sacrifice for our sins – Luke 23:46

John 17:1,4-5 – Jesus returned to the glory of Heaven.

Philippians 2:9-11 – Jesus continues His ministry from Heaven.

1.- He’s INTERCEDING For You – Romans 8:34

- *“In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”* – He provides access to God’s Throne.
- Our relationship with Jesus allows us to call upon God.

1 As Our HIGH PRIEST – Hebrews 8:1 - “seated” – 10:11-12

- God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- Jesus is our continual High priest – **Hebrews 7:23-24**
- We need an *“intercessor”* to come to God – **7:25**
- Jesus presented His *“sin offering”* at God’s Throne.

1 As Our ADVOCATE – 1 John 2:1

- Jesus pleads our case before God’s Throne.
- **Hebrews 4:14-16** – Jesus understands what we’re going through ... from personal experience.
- Jesus is quite able to *“represent”* us before God.
- **4:16** – Jesus UNDERSTANDS, so we can come *“boldly”*.
- Jesus DIED to cleanse us of sin, and LIVES to keep us clean – 1 Timothy 2:5

2.- He’s PREPARING A PLACE For You – John 14:1-3

- Jesus is preparing our eternal home for us – **John 17:24**
- He’s using *“building materials”* we send up ahead – 1 Corinthians 3:13-14

3.- He’s PREPARING To RETURN – John 14:3

- **Revelation 22:7, 12, 20** – He’s returning for His family.
- Meanwhile, Jesus left us in *“good hands”* – John 16:7

CONCLUSION: Are you ready for the return of Jesus?