

Who is Jesus? | to know him is to love him

The Mediator

Hebrews 8:1-2, 6-13

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Review: How did you experience Jesus as an anchor this past week?

Introduction: “Do you love me?” It’s the question at the heart of life. Jesus asked it. For Jesus the story of our lives is the story of our loves. So what do we love most? And what is most worthy of our love? Those who first knew him and saw him risen from the dead became convinced that the answer must be: Jesus. They knew how much he loved them, and they loved him. Their lives and their world were transformed by that love. But how can we love him today? How can our hearts be awakened and reshaped by love for him? We begin by getting to know him. To know him is to love him. The New Testament epistle to the Hebrews has been called “the fifth gospel” because it presents rich images of Jesus not on earth but in his ongoing heavenly ministry. These images not only tell us what he does but – who he is. It’s good news that gives us great hope and rekindles our affections for so great a Savior.

This week the focus is on Jesus the mediator.

Pray: LORD Jesus, we long to understand your heavenly role as our mediator. Amen.

Read: Hebrews 8:1-2, 6-13

Discussion:

1. What does the term “mediator” mean to you in your understanding of Jesus’ ministry?

Does it make a difference in your daily life? How? (or why not?)

2. What is the significance of Jesus “sitting down” at the “right hand” of the throne of majesty in heaven?

Why is this important to us?

3. Discuss the difference between Jesus serving in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle, and Jesus serving during his physical time on.

4. Chapters 8 (and 9) discuss a new covenant, of which Jesus is the mediator.

What does the text say about the new covenant as being superior to the old covenant?

How is the new covenant transformational for us as Christians in the early 21st century?

5. Verse 6 speaks of the new covenant being founded on better promises – what are these better promises?

Application: Confirm your understanding this week of the transformational role of Jesus as our mediator and live into it.

Pray: Jesus, we thank you for your sacrifice on our behalf as our mediator. Amen