

Lesson 46

## Pictures of Jesus

# *The Mediator*



*The two men in this picture are enemies. They could never get along as friends. The woman in the middle of the two men is a mediator. She is working very hard to make peace between the two enemies. This is like the work that Jesus did. The men represent God and sinful mankind. They are enemies and could never get along as friends. Jesus is the mediator who gave His life to take away our sins. Now, God and mankind can be at peace because Jesus worked so hard and sacrificed so much to make this happen.*

**1 Timothy 2:5 | “There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”**

**Mediate:** 1) To interpose (*stand*) between parties in order to reconcile (*bring peace or agreement*) them, 2) To be in the middle, 3) To bring accord (*peace or agreement*) by action. Webster's Dictionary

This picture of Jesus shows what He came to earth to do for us. Jesus stood between God the Father and all people in order to make peace between them.

God gave people rules to follow in the Old Testament. If people followed those rules there would be peace between God and people. God kept His part of the agreement but people did not and they sinned against God all the time. This made God very angry at people.

God loves us and did not want to be angry at us for our sins. The only way that peace between God and us was possible was if someone paid the price for our sins. For that reason, God the Father sent His Son Jesus to live a life without sin and then to give up His life on the cross to pay for our sins.

Because Jesus paid for our sins with His own blood, He brings peace between God the Father and people everywhere. When God the Father sees our sins, Jesus comes to our rescue and tells the Father that our sins have been

punished and paid for by His blood. God the Father does not hold our sins against us because of what Jesus did for us. We are made clean by the blood of Jesus and our sins are washed away.

If we did not have Jesus to stand between God the Father and us, we would be punished for all of our sins now and forever. Because of Jesus, we can now be at peace with God the Father and will one day be in heaven.

It is a great blessing to have so great a friend to make peace with God the Father for us every minute of every day.

#### PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for earning the forgiveness of our sins for us. We could not make up for our sins and would not go to heaven if You did not save us. Thank you for being our Great Mediator and bringing peace between God the Father and us. Amen