

THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST TODAY
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GENESIS. 3:15 (NLT), GALATIANS. 4:4 (NLT), HEBREWS. 2:14-15 (NLT)

After 4000 years of preparation, the seed of the woman came to redeem man from Satan's authority. A work that required an incarnation, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. The seed was Christ, and 2000 years ago when redemption was finished, His mission was accomplished. **JOHN 17:4-5** Although His ministry in redemption was finished, His ministry in heaven continues today.

THREE VIEWS OF JESUS' MINISTRY FOR US

1. The meek and lowly man of Galilee, rejected even of His own. **JOHN 1:11**
2. The Son made sin on the cross forsaken of God. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**
3. The exalted one at God's right hand with the name that is above all names. **PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11 (NLT)**
 - A. He was rejected and made sin, but now He is Lord of all who conquered Satan, death and hell. He possesses all authority in heaven and earth and has a present day ministry at the right hand of God.

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST – HEBREWS 2:17-18

1. He entered heaven with His blood to obtain eternal redemption. **HEBREWS 9:12**
 - A. **HEBREWS 8:1-2** – He's the minister of the holy things of God.
 - B. **HEBREWS 3:1 (ESV)** – Our confession is holy. **MATTHEW 10:32-33**
 - C. **HEBREWS 4:14-16** – He can relate to us and gives us access to the throne.

JESUS OUR MEDIATOR – 1 TIMOTHY 2:5

1. Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and man for two reasons.
 - A. Because of what He is. The union of God and man. **JOHN 1:1,14** He existed on equality with God and was made in the likeness of men. **PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8 (NLT)** He could legally represent man before God.
 - B. Because of what He has done. **COLOSSIANS 1:19-22** In order to have a mediator between God and man there had to be reconciliation between God and man.
 - C. **JOHN 14:6** – No other being qualifies in heaven, earth or under the earth.

JESUS OUR INTERCESSOR – ROMANS 8:33-34

1. As High Priest, Jesus carried His blood into the Holy of Holies to obtain redemption for man. As mediator, He is the way sinners come to God.
2. Once saved, believers need an intercessor for two reasons.
 - A. Spiritual growth is a process that takes time; we can fall along the way. Jesus intercedes for us as we develop.
 - B. We face demon powers that hate us and stir up persecution against us. **HEBREWS 7:25** Jesus intercedes as He did for Peter.

JESUS OUR ADVOCATE – 1 JOHN 2:1

1. An advocate is one who supports another or pleads his case.
 - A. When we sin and break fellowship, we can be overcome by guilt and condemnation. God provided for us an advocate who pleads our case, restores our fellowship with God. **1 JOHN 1:7-9**

JESUS OUR SURETY HEBREWS 7:22

1. Jesus is our guarantee who stands behind every new covenant promise. **HEBREWS 6:13-20**
 - A. A guarantee is a formal promise that certain conditions will be fulfilled. Something that gives a certainty of outcome.

CONCLUSION:

The present day ministry of Jesus includes High Priest, mediator, intercessor, advocate and surety; everyone can be saved, sinners have a way to God, believers have someone praying for them, when we sin we have one who pleads our case, and we have a guarantee that every promise will be fulfilled.