

GOD WITH US

Session Eight: In the Body

God's revelation of himself comes to a climax as he comes to dwell with his people in the person of Jesus.



1. What did Greek architects use as the primary model or proportions for building their dwellings and temples?
2. What was the purpose or significance of the Jewish temple?
3. What does it mean that Jesus replaced the temple? (see John 1:14; 2:13-22)



4. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus learned a trade? Does this make any difference in the way we think about our daily work? Explain.
5. Since Jesus grew up in a Jewish home and village, what are the main things that would have shaped his daily life?



6. What was the purpose of practices such as the 'brachot' ('blessings'), the placing of the 'mezuzah' on the door post of the house, or putting tassels on the hems of garments?
7. When Jesus taught the people, what was the main thrust of his message? (see Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:16-21,43)
8. What is a parable? Why don't parables have an ending?

Home study: Read Matthew 1:1,18-23; 3:16-4:2; 5:1-2; 28:16-20; Mark 1:1-12; Luke 1; John 1:1-14