

## Who was Jesus praying to?

Mat 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

Mar 14:36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

First we must establish who Jesus Christ is....Jesus Christ is God...

(Titus 2:13; Col. 1:27; Phil 3:20-21; Acts 3:14; Acts 20:28; James 1:27; Eph. 5:20; 1 Tim. 3:16; John 1:1 & 14; John 8:51-59; John 10:30; John 5:18; Romans 9:5; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 2:12&16; Zech 12:10; 1 John 5:20; 1 Tim 2:3-6; Col. 2:9; Phil 2:6; Isa. 9:6)

We must also realize that the Bible clearly teaches that God is omnipresent (can be at more than one place at a time)....(Psm. 139:3-5; Psm 139:7-10; Jer. 23:23-24; Job 34:21)

Jesus presented this in the following statement:

**Joh 3:13** And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

- **Notice that Jesus is on earth yet states He is in heaven...Omnipresent...**

1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

God's manifestation in the person of Jesus Christ is one of the "mysteries" mentioned in Scripture. A mystery is defined as something that has been revealed in Scripture but is still not fully comprehensible. (For example: the mystery of iniquity, the incarnation, Christ in you, etc.) I can't explain how Christ is in me (Col. 1:27) yet and in every other born again believer and yet He is still seated in Heaven as well (Eph. 1:20)...This is a mystery...We again have to believe that Jesus is omnipresent.

In order to answer this question we must also realize that Jesus Christ was the Son of Man and the Son of God. He was all God while also being all man. He lowered himself from His place of deity in Heaven in order to take on the sin of the world. (Heb. 2:7-9; Phil. 2:8) He could not take on the sin of the world without lowering Himself into a fleshly tabernacle.

Jesus revealed Himself in his glorified state at the Mount of Transfiguration:

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

**Mat 17:2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Mat 17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

This is the same glorified Jesus as God that we find in the book of Revelation:

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

**Rev 1:14** His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

We must also realize that God deified cannot be associated with sin in any way (1 John 1:5) so it was necessary for Jesus to separate Himself from his deity in order to take on the sin of the world...(John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 5:2; 1 John 2:1-2; Isa. 53:9-12; Rom. 8:3)..But there was no sin "in" Him it was "on" Him (1 John 3:5)...

This separation took place on the cross as is seen in His statement:

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

God is His absolute holiness cannot fellowship with sin...(John 9:31; Deut. 31:17-18; Ezek 39:23-24; Isa 1:15; Isa. 59:1-2; Isa 64:7; Mic. 3:4; Proverbs 15:29; Jer. 5:25)

This is why God in His deity turned away when the sin of the world was placed on God in the Flesh on the cross....

Jesus makes the distinction of his deity and fleshly body in the following verses:

Mat 26:38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Jesus referenced the mortality of his fleshly body as the Son of Man...His soul was sorrowful...His Spirit was willing...His flesh was weak...Jesus had to die to pay for our sins and only a mortal body could experience death....

So in answer to this question...Jesus as the Son of Man was praying to God in his fleshly tabernacle not in His deified state as God. Jesus was in all essence praying to Himself in the person of the Father in the Trinity (Isa. 9:6) in His manifested lower state in human flesh.