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Have you ever seen a courtroom? The judge sits behind a large desk, wearing a black robe and holding a wooden hammer called a gavel. The judge is a powerful man. He has the power to punish the guilty and set the innocent free. Imagine what it must feel like to stand before the judge while others accuse you of doing terrible things. Would you feel scared and alone? What if you knew you were guilty and deserved to be punished? Who will help you? Who will stand before the judge and ask him to let you go free?

The Bible says one day we will all stand before God as our judge. God is the highest judge. All power and authority belong to him. He knows every sin you've ever done, and he has promised to punish all those who sin against him. Just like that man in the courtroom, you and I need someone to help us as we stand before God's judgment. That's what Jesus does. If you are trusting in Jesus for your salvation, then Jesus is interceding for you. That means Jesus is speaking to God saying, *"I've already paid for this person's sins when I died on the cross. I've taken away his sin and given him my righteousness. Therefore, he is innocent of all charges."*

How does this help you? Whenever you feel guilty because of sin, or you wonder *"How can God love me?"*, or you think *"I'll never be good enough,"* remember that Jesus is interceding for you. Because of Jesus, all of your sins have been forgiven - every one of them. Because of Jesus, you are completely accepted by God. Because Jesus is on your side, no one can condemn you. Take a minute right now to pray and ask God to help you remember the truth of this promise. Then praise Jesus and thank him for being such a great Savior!