

Jesus Is Lord

Romans 10:5-13; John 20:26-31

The Message Of The Apostles

Peter often presents Jesus as LORD – **Acts 2,3,4,5,10**

Saul confessed Jesus as LORD - **Acts 9**

John's Revelation presents Jesus as LORD – **Revelation 1,19**

kurios - He to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord; the possessor and disposer of a thing; the owner; one who has control of the person, the master: in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor: is a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master; this title is given to: God, the Messiah - Thayer

Paul ties confession of Jesus as LORD to salvation – **Romans 10:5-13**

All of these passages make quite evident that Jesus currently is Lord!

What Makes Him Lord?

Jesus, indicates how His life, death, resurrection all part of the prophecies regarding the Christ. The Christ was to suffer and then enter into glory! - **Luke 24:25-26**

The message of the Prophets was one of suffering and exaltation for the Son of Man

Many expected Messiah to accomplish this on earth Yet not God's plan!

Jesus' exaltation was through humiliation and crucifixion - **Philippians 2:5-11**

Since Jesus accomplished His purpose on earth, fulfilling Law, humbling Himself, obedient even to death, Father granted Him all authority

Of What Is He Lord?

Jesus King of kings & Lord of lords, spoke constantly of life in Kingdom

Area of dominion of a king. We know the King; where is His Kingdom?

The entire universe - **Matthew 28:18**

All will be judged by His standard: - **John 12:48; Acts 17:30-31**

Therefore, Christ rules over all, everyone must subject themselves to Him

Intimately, over the church - **Ephesians 1:16-23; Colossians 1:13-14**

What is His Kingdom? Those He rules. Over whom does He rule? Those in the church, His body!

Thus, Jesus is Lord over the world, & intimately over His body, the church

What Does This Mean For Me?

What does it mean that Jesus is Lord? He has all authority, He calls shots

This is not a democracy, but a Monarchy! With an all-benevolent, loving, compassionate Monarch, but a monarchy nonetheless! It is our place to serve and obey - **Luke 17:7-10; John 3:36**

Not our place to alter what He has said, to justify disobedience, or to attempt to "cut corners"!

If we understand authority, we will not hesitate to serve Him. If we do not understand authority, we may find ourselves on the wrong end of the judgment - **Matthew 7:21-23; 2Thessalonians 1:5-9**

Since Jesus is Lord, and will be Judge, disobedience not really an option - **Romans 2:5-8**

We should not get too cozy with sin - **Romans 12:9**

In the end, if we truly "get" that Jesus is Lord, we won't often think twice about obeying Him: we will know that it is what we must do...or else!

If this concept offensive, hell will be much more offensive - **2Thessalonians 1:8-9**

His Lordship an important aspect of who He is

Many see Jesus as the tender Shepherd; Others see Him as an ultra-powerful Santa Claus

Yet we have a picture of Him in **Revelation 1:12-18** that is more fearful!

While these other pictures of Jesus are more "comfortable," led people to portray Jesus as inoffensive and "soft" on just about everything!

An overemphasis on "grace" has led to the portrait of Jesus considered by many among liberal denominations and has led to the resultant compromise with the world

While it is true the Lord remains patient, compassionate, merciful - **2Peter 3:9; Luke 6:36**

He died to rid us of sin & has no desire for us to wallow in or justify it - **1John 3:5-6; 2Peter 2:20-22**

The Lord who died for us is the Lord who executed Ananias and Sapphira in His wrath! **Acts 5:1-11**

His Lordship means that all are subject to Him, like it or not - **Philippians 2:5-11**

None will avoid standing before Lord, or appeal to other authority **Matthew 25:31-46, Romans 2:5-10**

Much better to recognize His lordship during lifetime than not **Romans 2:5-10, 2Thessalonians 1:6-9!**

Since He Is Lord, We Should Act Accordingly!

Jesus is indeed Lord, will remain that way until His return

Prophesied by the prophets: Christ would suffer and then enter into glory

The Messiah reigns from Heaven as Lord of all

His Kingdom presently manifest in His church

Since Jesus is Lord presently, we must obey Him!

While God has given man free will, has not coerced him, if man really understands that Jesus is Lord and Judge, no real option

He will serve the One who truly has authority!

Let us serve our Lord, the Risen Christ!

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