

Jesus is the Lord

Who is the One who has _____ authority? Who is Lord? Today, we're exploring the _____ that Jesus is the Lord. We're here to _____ the Scriptures for God's will. We want to know the truth, because only the truth can set us _____ from sin and from the false ideas that are so widely taught. We need the truth and the best _____ of spiritual truth is still found on the pages of the Bible. They give us a way to evaluate what we _____. The noble Bereans "received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures _____ to see whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). That's what we must all do so that we may not believe a _____.

The inspired apostle Matthew wrote: "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His _____, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the _____.' He said to them, 'But who do _____ say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the _____, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My _____ who is in heaven'" (Matthew 16:13-17).

What people say and think about Jesus is crucial to their _____ well-being. Jesus said the Father's prompt to Peter and his confession that "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," was _____. Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ or the Messiah. The Hebrew term "Messiah" is translated with the Greek term "Christ." The Messiah was the promised _____ of the Jews, the Son of David. The word "Christ" means "anointed." The Lord Jesus is also the Son of God, sent from heaven, to _____ God's will to us.

Our reading today comes from Acts 2:29-36.

Yes, Jesus is _____ Lord and Christ.

The apostle Peter told the household of Cornelius, "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with _____, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. We are witnesses of _____ the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to _____ by hanging Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were _____ beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He _____ from the dead. And He ordered us to _____ to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as _____ of the living and the dead. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His _____ everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins" (Acts 10:38-43).

Jesus has been anointed as the King of kings and the Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14). He will judge us _____ on the last day. The Lord Jesus said, "He who _____ Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the _____ I spoke is what will judge him at the last day" (John 12:48). We'll not be judged by what people think, by what councils vote, or by opinion polls. We'll be judged by the words that Jesus spoke, words that can be found in the New Testament.

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Since He's our King and Judge, we must _____ our accountability before Him. The apostle Paul told the Athenians, "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should _____, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). You can be sure that one day you will _____ before the Lord in judgment. God will hold you and me accountable for how we have _____ our lives.

We're accountable for our attitudes towards _____ people. The Lord said, "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' But I say to you that everyone who's _____ with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' [that is, Raca, "empty-headed"] shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' [that's the word moron] shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell" (Matthew 5:21-22). God knows all that happens in our _____.

We're accountable even for our _____. The Lord Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with _____ for her has already committed adultery with her in his _____. If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it's better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell" (Matthew 5:27-29). When people think sexually immoral thoughts, they _____ against their spouses and their God.

We're accountable for our _____ as well. The Lord Jesus said, "For the mouth speaks out of that which _____ the heart. The good man brings out of his good treasure what is _____; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is _____. But I tell you that every _____ word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:34-37).

We're also accountable for our _____. Second Corinthians 5:10 says, "For we must all appear before the judgment _____ of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for the _____ of his body, according to what he's done, whether good or bad." God's Word further says, "He will render to each one according to his _____: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he'll give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does _____, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does _____, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality" (Romans 2:6-11).

We're accountable to the Lord Jesus whether we know it or not, whether we acknowledge it or not, or whether we agree with it or not. Jesus, our Creator, who died to _____ us from sin, is also our Lord. Not only do we confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, we _____ confess Him as our Lord. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit proclaimed through Peter and the apostles to all the Jews that God has made Him _____ Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified (Acts 2:36). God has made Jesus to be your Lord and mine.

The word "Lord" indicates _____ very crucial concepts. First, to call Jesus "Lord" means that He is _____, He is deity, God. The word "Lord" is often spelled with all _____ letters in the Old Testament. "Lord" is the English word used to translate the word "Yahweh." This is the word the Lord God used to _____ Himself to Moses at the burning bush.

In Exodus chapter three, God called Moses to _____ the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Moses was reluctant and offered several _____ to God as to why he shouldn't

lead them. At one point Moses said to God, “‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his _____?’ what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ And he said, ‘Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:13 and 14). The word in Hebrew “I am who I am” translates into Greek as “kurios” and into English as “LORD.”

When the Holy Spirit proclaimed Jesus as Lord on Pentecost, he was speaking _____ of the Divinity of Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus existed in the _____ of God. Philippians 2:5-11 says, “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but He _____ Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of _____. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming _____ to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will _____, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will _____ that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Jesus has always existed in the form of God, but He emptied himself and took the form of a servant, being fashioned as a man. In humility _____ His father by dying on a cruel cross. Because Jesus suffered and died for us, God exalted Him, gave Him a name above all names, and demands that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord! This type of _____ is not for men but for deity, for God.

Second, to call Jesus “Lord” means that you’ve decided to _____ Him. He is your _____, and you are His _____. The word “Lord” in the Bible often refers to one who owns _____. When you and I became Christians, we became the slaves of Jesus Christ. First Corinthians 6:19-20 says, “Or do you not know that your body is a _____ of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your _____, for you were bought with a _____. So glorify God in your body.” The Lord Jesus purchased us with something far more precious and _____ than silver or gold. First Peter 1:18-19 says, “knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious _____ of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” As our Creator, silver and gold would have cost nothing to Jesus, but He sacrificed His blood and His life to redeem us.

A master owns his slaves and has the _____ to make decisions over their lives, decisions the slaves must accept. You may not always understand the Lord’s decisions, but you can always _____ that the Lord Jesus will act for your best interest. All of us are _____ to someone or something. It’s _____ to be the servant of One who loves and cares for us. Some enslave themselves to their lusts and their pleasures, which only last for a time and later _____ them. Some become the servants of the devil, who uses them with cruel, false _____. The devil is never your friend; no matter what he may _____ you. If you choose to follow him, he’ll lead you where you never _____ to go. When you take Jesus as your Lord, you give _____ to Him, the one who always will love you and take care of you. He is the Way, the _____ way, to heaven.

The question isn’t whether Jesus will be a good and kind _____; the question is whether you’ll be a good and obedient _____. Obedience isn’t always natural to us; we have to _____ it. The Bible says of Jesus, “Although He was a Son, He _____ obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who _____ Him the source of eternal salvation”

(Hebrews 5:8-9). If we're to _____ our Lord, we must obey His will. Obedience is how we _____ to Him our faith and our love.

The Lord Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will _____ My commandments" (John 14:15). Obedience also reveals our _____. John 3:36 in the New American Standard says, "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not _____ life, but the wrath of God abides on him." How can the Lord _____ in your life, if you aren't willing to _____ His rules or His commandments? You can't say that you've made Jesus Lord of your life, if you are rebelling against Him and if you _____ to obey what He teaches and what He commands.

The Bible says, "By this we know that we have come to know Him [that is, to have a relationship with Him], if we _____ His commandments. The one who says, 'I've come to know Him [I'm His friend, I love Him, I'm close to Him],' and yet He doesn't keep His commandments, is a _____, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the _____ of God has truly been perfected. And by this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to _____ [that is, to live] in the same manner as He [Christ] walked" (1 John 2:3-6). Can you say, "Jesus is my Lord"? Do you walk in His steps? Are you following Him? Are you close to Him? Do you love Him?

The Lord Jesus said clearly, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18) The Lord Jesus doesn't have _____ authority over our lives and souls; He has _____ authority. No one can overthrow or silence Him. The devil and his followers would love to see Jesus defeated. Many may decide to follow evil and overcome the Lord; but they will _____. Revelation 17:14 says, "They will make _____ on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is the Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

Will you follow the devil or will you follow the Lord Jesus? You reveal which side you've selected by the _____ you think, talk, and act. One day you'll stand before the Lord and give an _____ for how you've lived. Are you _____ to stand before the Lord in Judgment? Is your heart right? Today is the very best day to get right with God. There's no future of _____ with God by putting off your repentance, or the declaration of your faith, or of your obedience to the Lord.

How do we obey the Lord? First, we must know His will as it's revealed in the New Testament. If you don't know the Word, you can't obey it. Second, we must believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Christ, the Son of the living God. Your trust in the Lord says that you do really recognize His place, you trust Him because you know Him. So with trust and love, you turn away from rebellion and sin and you turn to the Lord in repentance. Whatever he asks, you're ready to do because you love Him—that's repentance. Then upon the confession of your faith, you're obedient to Him in baptism. That's when He'll wash away every sin, add you to His family, the church. Won't you do that today?