

Jesus the Lord

We call Him Jesus Christ, but the Scriptures many times call Him the _____ Jesus Christ. Today, we're exploring what it _____ to call Jesus "Lord." We search the Scriptures for many reasons; but we primarily search because we _____ the Lord. We want to _____ Him and all He has done for us. Because we love Him we want to know how to _____ Him. We search what the Lord says because as Christians we belong to Him and want to _____ in His way. We know the Lord's way is the _____ way and the right way to live. We thank God that He's left His Scriptures so that we might know these things and enjoy _____ life in heaven with Him.

When we speak of Jesus we _____ of Him as the Christ. The word "Christ" means, "Anointed"; it's the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word "Messiah." For centuries, the Jews longed for and looked for the Messiah to _____. The prophets spoke of the Messiah, the Son of David, the new king of Israel; but they didn't understand the kingdom was _____, and His kingdom would include people from all nations. To say Jesus is the Christ is to say He is truly the King of kings and the Lord of lords. We also confess Jesus as the Son of God. At His baptism the Heavenly Father said of Jesus, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Later, the Father acknowledging Jesus as His Son said, "_____ to Him!" (Matthew 17:5). The New Testament also _____ of our confessing "Jesus is Lord" in Romans 10:9. For some this confession sounds different; but the phrase "Lord Jesus" or "Lord Jesus Christ" appears more than a hundred times in the New Testament. What does it mean to call Jesus, "Lord"?

Our reading today comes from the book of Philippians 2:5-11.

God promised, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest upon His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no _____ to the increase of His government or of peace, On the _____ of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

The angel Gabriel reaffirmed this _____ and told Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his _____ there will be no end" (Luke 1:30-33).

On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter, as the Spirit gave him utterance, preached the first gospel _____ about Jesus Christ. He spoke of His miracles, His death, His burial, and His resurrection. He spoke how Jesus had ascended to the Father and how God exalted Him and placed Jesus at His _____ hand. He concluded his message in Acts 2:36, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for _____ that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." You should

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be thankful for this declaration because Peter later promised in Acts 5:31, “He is the one whom God _____ to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” Because Jesus is Lord and Savior you have the ability to _____ and can be forgiven. This is a great blessing.

Though some like the idea of Jesus as their _____ they don’t like the idea of Him as our Lord. Since Jesus is Lord, that means that we must listen and _____ Him. In Acts 3:22-23 Moses described the authority of the Lord Jesus, “THE LORD GOD will raise up for you a _____ like me from your brethren; to him you shall give heed to everything He says to you. And it will be that every soul that does not _____ that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.” Since Jesus is Lord we must pay attention to everything He says. We can’t claim Him as Lord and then question if we will _____ Him. Nor can we obey Him when it’s convenient and then _____ when it’s not. If Jesus is Lord, He is Lord in _____ aspect of our lives.

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18). All authority is not some authority. John 17:2 says God gave Jesus “authority over _____ flesh.” Peter said Jesus Christ is “Lord of all” in Acts 10:36. “All” includes _____ who has ever lived and those who are alive now. Romans 10:12 says, “For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in _____ for all who call on Him.” Whether you _____ upon Him or not, He is still your Lord. Whether you _____ in Him or not, He is still your Lord. Whether you _____ Him or not, He is still your Lord. He is indeed Lord of all.

Hebrews 1:1-2 says, “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has _____ to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.” The book of Hebrews speaks to people who were spiritually _____. They were sluggish, dull of hearing, and drifting from the truth. They were in _____ of falling back into sin, hardening their hearts, and having evil hearts of unbelief.

Hebrews 12:25 says, “See that you do not _____ him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who _____ them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.” We must not _____ what the Lord Jesus says. The Lord punished those who refused to _____ Him in earlier times, and He’ll punish us if we fail to listen. This verse makes us look back to chapter two. Hebrews 2:1-3 says, “Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we _____ away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be _____, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we _____ such a great salvation?” We won’t escape retribution if we ignore the Lord.

John 3:36 says, He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not _____ the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” God made us free moral agents with the ability to _____ what we believe and what we will do. Each day we choose whether to submit to the Lord’s teaching or give in to sin and the world.

John 20:24-29 tells of doubting Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, who was not with them when Jesus came the first time in that upper room. So the other disciples told him, “‘We have _____ the Lord.’ But he (that is, Thomas) said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will _____ believe.’”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but _____. ' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have _____ me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' " Do you believe Jesus is Lord?

Calling Jesus Lord is not just a theological matter; it's also _____. Many people love Jesus as Savior, but they resist Jesus as the Lord who makes _____ for their lives. They don't want anyone _____ them what to do, even Jesus Christ. They won't let Him make rules for their morals or their beliefs. They don't realize that _____ is running their lives. Some reject the Lord altogether, simply because they do not want to _____ the fact they're living in sin and breaking His commandments. It's easier for them to ignore Jesus as Lord than to give up the sin that they love.

The Lord Jesus said "No one can _____ two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24). What's true for the love of money is also true for the love of any other _____ activity. If you love sin more than the Lord you can't _____ the blessings of God. First John 2:15-17 says, "Do not love the _____ nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is _____ away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

If the Lord Jesus is the one _____ Lord of all, He is your Lord and Master too. Your soul _____ to Him, and you really don't belong to yourself. Having _____ doesn't mean that you aren't accountable. Even if you don't acknowledge Him as Lord, you'll give an _____ to Him, one day, personally for the way that you live. Hebrews 12:14 says, "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will _____ the Lord." Why? Strive because the Lord sees and knows your heart and your intentions.

Hebrews 4:12 to 13 says, "For the _____ of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." We sometimes think God won't see or know how we behave, but God sees _____. Job 34:21-22 says, "For His _____ are upon the ways of a man, And He sees all his steps. There is no darkness or deep shadow Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." Please don't _____ yourselves into thinking that God doesn't notice or that God doesn't care. He sees and He cares.

There will always be _____ of the Lord Jesus and the cross, but the Lord will ultimately be victorious. No matter what powers the enemies of God seem to have or what deceptions they suggest, the Lord and His truth will _____. The book of Revelation speaks of how the enemies of truth and righteousness will _____ the people of God, but the Lord will not sit by and ignore what they do. Revelation 17:14 says, "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will _____

them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”

The Scriptures teach clearly that those who choose to follow Jesus will _____ persecution from those who are against Christianity. We have suffered at the hands of lawless men since the beginning of the _____. First Peter 3:14-16 says, “But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are _____. Do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the _____ that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.”

Second Corinthians 5:10 speaks of an appointment God has _____ for you and for me. We cannot escape it. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has _____, whether good or bad.”

The struggle that we all face with sin involves who will _____ our hearts. Who has the _____ of complete sovereignty in the world for how we think and what will be our moral guide and choices. It’s a _____ for our hearts, our lives, and our souls. We either serve our lusts and pleasures giving in to _____, or we will serve the Lord. Romans 6:16 says, “Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for _____, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?” Who are you serving? Are you serving your passions or are you recognizing Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life? Are you following Him and living for Him.

The Lord Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will _____ the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; _____ from me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:21-23). You can be very religious, but that’s not the _____ as being righteous. These folks thought they were working for the Lord, but they were only fooling themselves. What was the problem? They were workers of iniquity; that is, they were _____. They were workers but ignored God’s commandments and lived as they _____. Calling Jesus “Lord” and making Jesus “Lord” of your everyday life are not the same thing. It takes _____ the Lord, because you believe He is Lord. Jesus once said to the people, “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I _____?” (Luke 6:46).

Romans 10:13 says, “Whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved.” Some assume one is saved by merely saying a little prayer, but there’s more involved. How does one call upon the name of the Lord? One calls because he believes; and one calls because she or he has repented of sins and wants to be saved. When Ananias came to the guilty chief of sinners, Saul of Tarsus, he said, “And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name” My friend, won’t you call on the name of the Lord by being baptized?