

## "Jesus the Lord"

We call Him Jesus Christ, but the Scriptures many times call Him the Lord Jesus Christ. Hello, I'm Phil Sanders, and this is a Bible study "In Search of the Lord's Way." And today we're exploring what it means to call Jesus "Lord."

Welcome to In SEARCH of the Lord's Way! We're here to search the Scriptures for God's will. We search the Scriptures for many reasons; but we primarily search because we love the Lord. We want to know Him and all He has done for us. Because we love Him we want to know how to please Him. We search what the Lord says, because as Christians we belong to Him and want to walk in His way. We know the Lord's way is the best 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 eternal life in heaven with Him. Thanks for taking time with us today. We want to be a part of your life each week.

When we speak of Jesus, we think 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 come. And the prophets spoke of the Messiah, the Son of David, the new king of Israel; but they didn't understand the kingdom was spiritual, 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. But 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 verse 17). Later, the Father acknowledging Jesus as His Son said, "Listen to Him!" (Matthew 17 verse 5).

The New Testament also speaks of our confessing "Jesus is Lord" in Romans 10:9. The New Testament also speaks of our confessing Jesus is Lord, in Romans 10 and verse 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. Well, what does it mean to call Jesus, "Lord"?

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The Edmond church, led by Larry Owsley, will now worship in song, we'll read from Philippians 2:5 to 11, and we'll explore what it means to call Jesus "Lord."

Our reading today comes from the book of Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 to 11. There are some people who think this may have been turned into a hymn in ancient times, this passage.

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 emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient 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 BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What a marvelous passage that Jesus is indeed Lord. Let's pray. Oh Father help us always to think of our Lord Jesus and to give Him the respect and to give Him the obedience and the love that is due Him. For all that He has done for us. And Father may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus name, Amen.

God promised in Isaiah 9:6 to 7 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 end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne 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."

The angel Gabriel reaffirmed this promise and told Mary in Luke 1:30 to 33, "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 kingdom there will be no end."

On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter, as the Spirit gave him utterance, preached the first gospel sermon about Jesus Christ. And 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 right hand. And he concluded his message in Acts 2:36, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus (then he says) whom you crucified." You should be thankful for this declaration, because Peter later promised in Acts 5:31, that "He is the one whom God exalted 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 repent and can be forgiven. And this is a great blessing.

Though some like the idea of Jesus as their Savior, they don't like the idea of Him as our Lord. Since Jesus is Lord, that means that we must listen and obey Him. In Acts 3:22 to 23 Moses described the authority of the Lord Jesus, "THE LORD GOD will raise up for you a prophet 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 heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people." Now, 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 obey Him. Nor can we obey Him when it's convenient and then rebel when it's not. If Jesus is Lord, He is Lord in every aspect of our lives.

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

Hebrews 1 verses 1 to 2 says, that "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken 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 weak. They were sluggish, dull of hearing, and drifting from the truth. They were in danger of falling back into sin, hardening their hearts, and having evil hearts of unbelief.

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

John 3 verse 36 says in the New American Standard Version, that "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." God made us free moral agents with the ability to choose 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 verses 24 to 29 tells of doubting Thomas: You remember that Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, and he was not with them when Jesus came the first time in that upper room. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he (that is Thomas) said to them, well, "Unless I (can) 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 never believe." Well, eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. And although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." And 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 believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen 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 practical. Many people love Jesus as Savior, but they resist Jesus as the Lord who makes rules for their lives. They don't want anyone telling 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 sin is running their lives. Some reject the Lord altogether, simply because they do not want to face the fact they're living in sin and breaking His commandments. You know it's easier for them to deny Jesus as Lord than it is to give up the sin that they love.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 6 and verse 24, "No one can serve 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." And what's true for the love of money is also true for the love of any other sinful activity. If you love sin more than the Lord, you can't enjoy the blessings of God. 1 John 2:15 to 17 says, "Do not love the world 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. (And) The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

Now, if the Lord Jesus is the one true Lord of all, He is your Lord and Master too. Your soul belongs to Him, and you really don't belong to yourself. Having free will doesn't mean that you aren't accountable. Even if you don't acknowledge Him as Lord, you'll give an account 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 see the Lord." Why? Strive because the Lord sees and knows your heart and your intentions.

Hebrews 4:12 to 13 says, "For the word 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 everything. Job 34 verses 21 to 22 says, "For His eyes 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 fool yourselves into thinking that God doesn't notice or that God doesn't care. He sees and He cares.

There will always be enemies 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 prevail. The book of Revelation speaks of how the enemies of truth and righteousness will confront the people of God, but the Lord will not sit by and ignore what they do. Revelation 17 verse 14 says, "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome 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 suffer persecution, yes, from those who are against Christianity. And we have suffered at the hands of lawless men since the beginning of the church. 1 Peter 3:14 to 16 says, "But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And 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 hope 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."

2 Corinthians 5:10 speaks of an appointment God has set 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 done, whether good or bad."

The struggle that we all face, with sin, involves whose will rule our hearts. Who has the right of complete sovereignty in the world for how we think and what will be our moral guide and choices. Now it's a struggle for our hearts, our lives, and our souls. Now we either serve our lusts and pleasures giving in to sin, or we will serve the Lord. Romans 6 and verse 16 says, "Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, (that) you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting (and that results) in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?" My friend, who are you serving? Are you serving your passions or are you recognizing Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life? And are following Him and living for Him.

Let's pray together. Heavenly Father help us always to do Your will, to serve You and to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in every way. It's in His name we pray, Amen.

The Lord Jesus said, in Matthew 7:21 to 23, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter 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; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.'

You can be very religious, but that's not the same 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 lawless. They were workers but ignored God's commandments and lived as they pleased. Calling Jesus "Lord" and making Jesus "Lord" of your everyday life are not the same thing. It takes obeying the Lord, because you believe He is Lord. Jesus once said to the people in Luke 6:46, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Romans 10:13 says, that "Whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved." Now, 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? Of course, 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?

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That's why each week we ask people get their hearts focused on God. And one of the ways that you do that is by studying your bible every day, by praying , by yes, singing a hymn. But also and especially by worshipping at church. There is probably a church of Christ that's in your area. And if you're looking for a healthy, Biblical church home, we'll be happy to help you find one. In fact we help people all the time to find a church that is near their homes. We want you to know that we'll be back next week, Lord willing. So we ask that you keep searching God's Word with us and do tell a friend about this program. And as always we say, God bless you and we love you from all of us at In Search of the Lord's Way.