



From Where I Sit . . .

“Jesus Is Lord – Part Two”

We’re acknowledging much about Christ when we declare that He is “the Lord.” We’re indicating that He has authority or power. The word *Kurios*, translated “lord,” signifies this from the Greek. The title was and is used in the common sense of one who is in an elevated position, and is a term used to show respect for that position. He is the one to whom service and obedience are due. He is the Master to be obeyed. The whole conduct of life must be governed by His spirit.

The Realm of His Lordship is seen in that God made Him Lord over all. First we must remember that He was a part of the Godhood in the very Creation of the World (see: **John 1:1-4, 14; Col. 1:13-19; Heb 1:1-3**). His Divine Position as being “one” with the Father, and thus rightfully called “Lord” is beyond dispute: **Luke 20:42-44** *“And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?”*

Peter argued this very same logic in **Acts 2:29-36** in the first Gospel sermon on the birthday of the Church (“*The Lord said unto my Lord*”): Then in **Verse 36** he concludes: *“God hath made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”* *“He is Lord of all”* (**Acts 10:36**).

His authority and Lordship were never in doubt from Heaven’s viewpoint, nor from His own: **Mat 28:18** *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”* **Isa. 9:6** *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

Thus his lordship takes on a deep significance to the Christian. He is the one to whom many of us voluntarily surrender ourselves, and thus some refer to Jesus as “the Lord of my life.” He must occupy this position for any who are in a rightful relationship with Him. Anything less would be too little. As one of our hymns declares, “Jesus must be the Lord of all, Or He’ll not be your Lord at all.” His Lordship both deserves it and demands it. This means that Jesus will be at the heart of our choices, and our behavior. We can’t truthfully sing “All To Jesus I Surrender” without considering whether indeed He is the Lord over every facet of our lives. If He is Lord, He’ll be Lord at work, at home, at play. We won’t have to be begged and pleaded with to attend, to give, to serve, to live “soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world” (**Titus 2:12**).

Because of His Majesty and Oneness with God, there will come a time when those who now resist Him as “Lord” will be compelled to surrender: *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (**Phil 2:9-11**). Far better that we freely proclaim His name and His Lordship over our lives while there is choice.

There is so much about Jesus’ personality, His nature, His compassion, His relationship to His body the church that draws us to want to bow and yield to His will. In **John 20:26-29**, Thomas did that which I believe most of us would do in His presence, and in **verse 28** *“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”*

The One of whom they said, *“Crucify Him, Crucify Him,”* is now Lord and head over all. Will you allow Jesus to be the Lord to whom you surrender your life today?

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