

# Jesus Is My Lord

Intro: While accepting Jesus as our Savior is fairly easy, accepting Him as Lord is difficult. But if He is not our Lord He will not be our Savior.

## I. MEANING OF THE TERM.

### A. It comes from the Greek term κύριος (*kurios*)”.

1. Thayer, “he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, Lord.”
2. William Barclay, “describes someone who has undisputed possession of a person or thing. It means master or owner in the most definite sense.”
3. Thus it means Jesus is my absolute ruler, master, and controller of our lives.

### B. This is where we have a problem.

1. We do not want to turn control over to anyone. We want complete control.
2. The apostles had this same problem.
  - a. They often became embroiled in controversy over who was the greatest in the kingdom.
  - b. Mark 9:33-35 <sup>33</sup> And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? <sup>34</sup> But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest <sup>35</sup> And he sat down, and called the twelve, and said unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.”
  - c. Mark 10:35-45 <sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. <sup>36</sup> And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? <sup>37</sup> They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? <sup>39</sup> And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: <sup>40</sup> But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared. <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and John. <sup>42</sup> But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. <sup>43</sup> But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: <sup>44</sup> And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
  - d. They realized Jesus as Lord but wanted themselves as lessor lords.

## II. RECOGNIZING WHO’S IN CONTROL.

### A. The bumper sticker, “Jesus is my co-pilot” and the song, “Jesus Savior Pilot Me”.

### B. Jesus is Lord.

1. Eph. 4:5 <sup>45</sup> One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”
2. Mat. 23:8-10 notice *one* <sup>48</sup> But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is you Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren, <sup>9</sup> And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is you Father, which is in heaven, <sup>10</sup> Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.”
3. Acts 2:36 <sup>36</sup> Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

4. Acts 10:36 <sup>“36</sup> The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)”
5. 2 Cor. 4:5 <sup>“5</sup> For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the [ASV—as] Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

**C. No man can serve two masters.**

1. Mat. 6:24 <sup>“24</sup> No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
  - a. *Mammon* does not mean Satan, it does mean riches or treasure. “That in which one trust. ...It denotes earthly goods, but always with a stress on their materialistic character.”
  - b. One cannot trust in things and God at the same time.
2. No one or no thing can become lord if Jesus is Lord.

**D. Our problem is who is on the throne in our minds.**

1. Jesus
2. Self

### III. REALIZING I MUST COMPLETELY OBEY

**A. Who knows what is best for me?**

1. Most immediately answer, “I do”.
  - a. How many times have we done what we thought was best only to have it turn out wrong?
  - b. Pro. 14:12 <sup>“12</sup> There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”
  - c. Jer. 10:23 <sup>“23</sup> O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”
2. Jesus does; Psa. 37:23 <sup>“23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.”

**B. We must follow his instructions explicitly.**

1. Luke 6:46 <sup>“46</sup> And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”
2. I am under obligation to comply with His laws; 1 Cor. 9:21 <sup>“21</sup> To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.”
3. The way to determine if Jesus is really Lord of my life: if I only obey what I want or if I obey what I do not want.

**C. We will have complete trust in Jesus.**

1. He wants only our best.
2. John 10:10 <sup>“10</sup> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”
3. We will not be grieved by keeping His commands, but they will produce joy in our lives because they are best for us.
  - a. 1 John 5:3 <sup>“3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”
  - b. Deu. 6:24 <sup>“24</sup> And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.”

**D. We will, thus, do what He says, go where He sends, say what He instructs and think how He says.**

#### IV. SEEING THE NEED TO BE INVOLVED.

##### A. We must reach a point where we not only are willing to hear the Lord's commands but also to carry them out.

1. Acts 9:6 <sup>6</sup> "And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."
2. Isa. 6:8 <sup>8</sup> "And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."
3. 1 Sam. 3:9-10 <sup>9</sup> "Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth, So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth."
4. Like Jesus we must, "be about my Father's business"; Luke 2:49 <sup>49</sup> "And said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

##### B. None need ask, "What can I do Lord?"

1. Eph. 2:10 <sup>10</sup> "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
2. Tit. 3:1 <sup>1</sup> "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."
3. 1 Pet. 2:5, 9 <sup>5</sup> "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. <sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, <sup>8</sup> And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."
4. Heb. 13:15-16 <sup>15</sup> "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. <sup>16</sup> But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."
5. Song, "The World's Bible"

"Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today, He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way; He has no tongue but our tongues to tell men how he died, He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

"We are the only Bible the careless world will read, We are the sinners gospel, We are the scoffers' creed; We are the Lord's last message given in deed and word, What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?

"What if our hands are busy with other things than His? What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements are? What if our tongues are speaking of things His life would spurn, How can we hope to help Him and welcome His return?"

**Conclusion:** Jesus is Lord whether we accept Him or not. Have you accepted Him and allowed Him to be Lord of your life?