



Come. Follow. Me.
Jesus's Invitation of Life
#12 – Jesus the Lord (Acts 2:22-36)

Jesus as Lord of All

1. Acts 2:22-36 is the ending of the first “Christian” sermon ever preached. The Apostle Peter stood boldly before thousands of devout Jews who were gathered in the Temple to worship and offer sacrifices for their sin. His point is that Jesus’s resurrection from the dead cemented both His _____ (Lord) and _____ (Messiah) in the sovereign plan of God the Father to redeem fallen and lost humanity.
2. A “lord” is someone with power and authority, usually by _____ (e.g., “landlord”). It essentially has the same meaning as “master.”
 - a. In the Hebrew Scriptures (our Old Testament), Lord is the common translation for one of God’s names, *Adonai*.
 - b. In the Roman culture of Jesus’ day, the term for “lord” (*kyrios*) had many applications, from a respectful _____ between men, much like “sir” today, to describing a man in a position of authority.
 - i. As a _____ society, “lord” was a common prefix for various deities (see 1 Corinthians 8:5).
 - ii. Roman Emperors had an “on again, off again” practice of claiming divinity for themselves starting with Augustus in 27 BC. Caligula (AD 37-41) was the first to enforce emperor worship upon non-Roman citizens with refusal resulting in death. By the end of the 1st century, Christians had to choose between worshipping _____ (AD 81-96) as “Lord and God” or Jesus.
 - c. In the New Testament, the term is applied to Jesus nearly _____.
3. What is the significance of Jesus as Lord?
 - a. First, in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, the Septuagint, “Lord” is the most common term for God, appearing more than nearly 8000X. Of those references, more than _____ are for the divine name YHWH. It is never used for pagan deities or idols. Therefore, to ascribe this same title to Jesus is a direct statement of His deity.
 - b. As Lord, Jesus is the One who is now _____ this rebellious creation.

“As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the

kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:22-26 (NIV)

- c. All human life will ultimately yield and acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus (Phil. 2:9-11). Until that time, our allegiance and _____ to the Lordship of Jesus is by choice.

“Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” – Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Jesus as Lord of Us

1. Since Jesus is Lord, we are not. God’s gift of salvation is granted through the _____ confession of yielding body, mind, and spirit to the authority of Jesus.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” – Romans 10:9-10 (English Standard Version)

- a. When this admission is authentic and life-transforming, it can only be made by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3), who lives _____ believers (Galatians 4:6; Romans 5:5).
- b. However, it is possible to make an _____ confession (Matthew 7:21-23). This is why we must continually let the Holy Spirit test our hearts for trusting and relying upon Jesus and never upon our own effort.

2. When Jesus is our Lord...

- a. We obey His commands – the four _____.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” – John 14:15 & 15:12 (ESV)

- b. We implement His teachings (e.g., the “_____” in Matthew 7:12).

- c. We emulate His example – _____ others.

“When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them. ‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.’”

– John 13:12-17 (NIV)

- d. We follow His voice – _____, not rules or rituals.

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” – John 10:27 (NIV)