

I am busy reminding us of this vital message that I quoted a few years ago when I told you of this statement made famous by the great Missionary Hudson Taylor:

“Christ is either Lord of all, or is not Lord at all”

Over the next few weeks I want to look at this statement, and in my final sermon in this series I am going to ask the question: SO WHAT?? If I have managed to convince you of the significance of the quote of Hudson Taylor, WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS.

Last week I asked the question **WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO REALISE THAT JESUS IS LORD OF ALL? - Acts 10**

For Peter it took a VISION FROM HEAVEN

For CORNELIUS it took being introduced to JESUS

For those with Peter from Joppa, it took the image of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

PERHAPS GOD HAS SENT THE PANDEMIC TO POINT US TO HIM.

OR MAYBE SOMETHING WORSE IS COMING!!!

Today I want to tell you:

WHY I PREACH THAT JESUS IS LORD

FIVE REASONS WHY I PREACH JESUS IS LORD

1) I preach “JESUS IS LORD” because THE BIBLE DECLARES HIM LORD.

1. THE TITLE “LORD” BELONGS TO GOD.

The title ‘LORD’ appears approximately 6700 time in the Bible.

While the biblical words for ‘Lord’ mean a sovereign or master, the title only refers to human sovereign or masters about 500 times.

THE OTHER 6000 BELONG TO YAHWEH or JESUS.

One of the Principles of Understanding the Bible (Hermeneutics) is, “DON’T BUILD YOUR BELIEFS ON THE THINGS NOT OFTEN SPOKEN ABOUT.” BUILD YOUR BELIEFS ON WHAT IS REPEATED OFTEN.

The phrase “THE LORD” refers to the Name of GOD we know as “YAHWEH” and it appears 5524 times

The phrase “the Lord” refers to the Lord Jesus Christ appears over 500 times in the New Testament

2. **THE PHRASE “IS LORD” ONLY APPEARS 11 TIMES AND 9 POINT TO JESUS.**

*Genesis 42:30 "The man who is lord over the land spoke harshly to
Genesis 42:33 "Then the man who is lord over the land said to us,*

*Matthew 12:8 For the **Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.**"*

*Mark 2:28 So the **Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**"*

*Luke 6:5 Then Jesus said to them, "The **Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.**"*

*Acts 10:36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through **Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.***

*Romans 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "**Jesus is Lord,**" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same **Lord is Lord of all** and richly blesses all who call on him,*

*1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "**Jesus is Lord,**" except by the Holy Spirit.*

*Philippians 2:11 and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord,** to the glory of God the Father.*

*Revelation 17:14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them **because he is Lord of lords** and King of kings--and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."*

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THE BIBLE APPEARS TO BE VERY CLEAR

Billy Graham, the great Evangelist also had a famous saying which went:

GOD SAID IT
I BELIEVE IT
THAT SETTLES IT

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THE SECOND REASON

2) I preach “JESUS IS LORD” because THE BIBLE SPOKE OF HIS LORDSHIP PROPHETICALLY.

1. **DAVID PROPHESED ABOUT JESUS.**

One day Jesus was having a discussion with the Jewish Authorities. We read about it in *Mark 12:35-37*

While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David? v36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." ' v37 David himself calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?" The large crowd listened to him with delight.

The Jewish leaders believed the Messiah would be a KING like King David. They were looking for a political liberator.

JESUS CAME TO SHOW THEM THAT DAVID COULD NOT BE POINTING TO SOMEONE HIMSELF.

2. **THE ANGELS PROPHESED ABOUT JESUS.**

At the birth of Jesus we read this story:

*Luke 2:8-12 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. v9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. v10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. v11 **Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.** v12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

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THE THIRD REASON

3) I preach "JESUS IS LORD" because HIS LORDSHIP OVERIDES THE CREATION ORDER AND THE LAW.

1. **JESUS IS THE AGENT OF CREATION.**

At the end of the Creation account in Genesis 1:1-2:3 we are told "God created". the in Gen 2:4 we read "*This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. **When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens***"

LATER WE READ in:

Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

2. **JESUS IS LORD OVER THE LAW.**

The first Commandment given to govern our Earthly Life relates to the SABBATH. The first four relates to our Divine Relationship. We read in *Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. v9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work, v10 **but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.** On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your*

*manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. v11 For **in six days the LORD made** the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore **the LORD blessed the Sabbath day** and made it holy.*

THEN WE READ

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In saying this Jesus declares that HE IS LORD over CREATION and "THE LAW".

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NOBODY or NO THING can save you, other than Jesus.

Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin

*Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! v9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, v10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. v11 He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' v12 **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.**"*

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*Philippians 2:9-10 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, v10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, v11 and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.*

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WHAT IS A GOOD PASSMARK?

In exams 50%

IN RELATIONSHIPS?

A spouse who is 85% faithful to their spouse is not faithful at all.
There is no such thing as part-time loyalty to Jesus Christ.