

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

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

Over the last few weeks as we have looked at this statement, I have told you that 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.

IN THE FIRST WEEK I asked the question

**WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO REALISE THAT
JESUS IS LORD OF ALL? - Acts 10**

IN THE SECOND WEEK we looked at:

FIVE REASONS WHY I PREACH JESUS IS LORD

IN THE THIRD WEEK we looked at:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DEMONS

IN THE FOURTH WEEK we looked at:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASE

IN THE FIFTH WEEK we looked at:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DEATH

IN THE SIXTH WEEK we looked at:

**WHY JUST SAYING “JESUS IS LORD” DOESN’T
NECESSARY MAKE JESUS LORD**

IN THE SEVEN WEEK we looked at:

THE BENEFITS OF HAVING “JESUS AS LORD”

LAST WEEK we looked at:

**The RELATIONSHIP between HUMAN RIGHTS
and the LORDSHIP OF JESUS**

THIS WEEK I want us to look:

DECLARING JESUS AS MY LORD!!

What were the circumstances when you eventually declared Jesus as LORD OF YOUR LIFE?

1) **Notice, Firstly, ELIZABETH’S STORY**

1. **HER CRISIS OF BELIEF**

Luke 1:5-7 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. v6 Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and

regulations blamelessly. v7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

She was Faithful.
She served God

She was OLD
She was Childless

In Biblical times, to be childless was a sign of disfavour.
No continuity and no one to care for you in old age.

2. **HER CRY OF FAITH**

*Luke 1:13-15 But the angel said to him: "**Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard.** Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. v14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, v15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth.*

While the text says God was answering the prayer of Zechariah, I am sure that also included the prayer of Elizabeth as well. God not only answers her prayer for a child, HE SENDS HER A REMARKABLE CHILD

3. **HER DECLARATION OF SURRENDERED TO JESUS**

*Luke 1:39-44 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, v40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. v41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. v42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! v43 **But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?** v44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.*

She declares an unborn baby to be "MY LORD"

2) **Notice, Secondly, MARY MAGDALENE'S STORY**

1. **HER CRISIS OF BELIEF**

John 20:1-9 'Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. v2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" v3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. v9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

The tomb was empty. The person she loved and trusted was missing.

2. **HER CRY OF FAITH**

Luke 8:1-2 "After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, v2 and also some women who had been cured of evil

spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;"

There was a day when Mary had been possessed by seven demons. Her life was being torn apart by many voices calling for her attention.

3. HER DECLARATION OF SURRENDERED TO JESUS

John 20:11-18 'v11 Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb v12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. v3 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." v14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. v15 "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." v16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). v17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " v18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

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3) Notice, Thirdly, THOMAS' STORY

1. HIS CRISIS OF BELIEF

John 20:24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came v25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

He missed out on a Spiritual Event

Perhaps he felt as if he could not trust people after Jesus died

2. HIS CRY OF FAITH

John 20:25 But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

His faith wanted hands and feet.

3. HER DECLARATION OF SURRENDERED TO JESUS

John 20:26-28 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" v27 Then he said to

Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." v28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

From Doubting Thomas to Declaring Thomas

4) **Notice, Fourthly, PAUL'S STORY**

1. **HIS CRISIS OF BELIEF**

Philippians 3:4-6 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: v5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; v6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

He was trusting in his upbringing

He was trusting in his Theological Training

He was trusting in his zeal

UNTIL HE MET CHRIST.

2. **HIS CRY OF FAITH**

Acts 9:3-6 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. v4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" v5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. v6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Many have come to faith because of a Damascus Road experience.

3. **HIS DECLARATION OF SURRENDERED TO JESUS**

Philippians 3:7-8 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. v8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

The word translated "rubbish" actually means "dung".

(MSG) Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant--dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ

5) **Notice, Fifthly, DAVID'S STORY**

1. **HIS CRISIS OF BELIEF**

David has many Crisis – Lions & Bears, Goliath, King Saul, Philistines, his own lusts, His own son.

Whatever crisis David faced, he always came back to God. The Bible is filled with stories of David's journey of faith.

2. **HIS CRY OF FAITH**

Psalms 16:1 A miktam of David.

v1 Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

David constantly referred to God as his refuge

3. **HIS DECLARATION OF SURRENDERED TO JESUS**

Psalm 16:2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

This Psalm is known as the GOLDEN PSALM

Psalms 16:8-11 I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. v9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, v10 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. v11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

IS QUOTED IN ACTS 2:25-28

CONCLUSION

1. **YOUR CRISIS OF BELIEF**

2. **YOUR CRY OF FAITH**

3. **YOUR DECLARATION OF SURRENDERED TO JESUS**

GOD DECLARES JESUS LORD

Psalms 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, Acts 2:34

Matthew 22:41-46 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, v42 "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. v43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, v44 " 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." 'v45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" v46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.