

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”

IN THE EIGHT WEEK we looked at:

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

LAST WEEK we looked at:

DECLARING JESUS AS MY LORD!!

THIS WEEK I want us to look:

**REASONS WHY ONLY JESUS IS
WORTHY OF BEING CALLED LORD**

Many claim the title LORD however there can only be one who is LORD. While the word Lord can mean many things, when the whole word is in capitals it means GOD!!!

1) **The RESSURECTION identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Romans 1:1-4 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God-- v2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures v3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, v4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Of all the events in world history, there is no other as phenomenal as the Resurrection. No other spiritual leader in all religious history has been able to duplicate this event. The Apostle Paul make it very clear in 1 Cor 15 that the foundation of the Christian faith is the resurrection. He says in 1 Cor 15:14 "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

Jesus either rose from the dead or he is a lunatic or a liar.

(CS Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*, 55-56) I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. . . . Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God.

2) **The VOICE OF GOD identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Matthew 17:1-6 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. v2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. v3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. v4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." v5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" v6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

On the occasion of what we now call the Transfiguration, the reaction of the three disciples that were with Jesus showed that Jesus is Lord. Every occasion in the Bible where people encounter God, they fall facedown in front of the object being worshipped. THE SAME HAPPENS TO THESE THREE DISCIPLES.

Just imagine if God spoke to you directly. HE DOES THROUGH HIS WORD.

3) **The FUNDAMENTAL NATURE of JESUS identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Luke 5:1-11 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, v2 he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. v3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. v4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." v5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." v6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. v7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. v8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" v9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, v10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." v11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

On more than one occasion, when people encountered JESUS they recognised their own evil. John the Baptist said, "I am not worthy of untying his sandals". Demon possessed people fell at his feet screaming.

WHEN YOU ENTER THE PRESENCE OF GOD YOU WILL FEEL
UNHOLY BECAUSE HE ALONE IS HOLY

Jesus was and is different. *Mark 1:22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.*

4) **The NATURE OF HIS FOLLOWERS identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Acts 9:3-5 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.

Acts 16:29-31 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. v30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" v31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

After people truly encounter JESUS they change.

Saul became Paul

Simon became Peter

A jailer became a liberator

Onesemus (Useless) became USEFUL

THE LIFE OF MILLIONS OF COMMITTED SERVANTS OF GOD ARE
EVIDENCE OF THE POWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

5) **The CURRENT LOCATION OF JESUS identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Mark 16:19-20 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. v20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

In the past, when people from out of town ask me where I come from and I say King Williams Town, most just look at me with a blank look. I imagine if I now say Qonce, they will be doubly confused.

Where you are from, sometimes identifies your importance. If I had to say the name Qunu – Mandela, Tuynhuys – SA President, Buckingham Palace – Royal residence.

What about - AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD IN HEAVEN.

6) **The POWER OF THE GOSPEL identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Acts 2:34-37 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand v35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." v36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." v37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

On the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter preached a sermon on the LORDSHIP OF JESUS who has come as the Christ to save them, AND 3000 were added to the church in one day!!!

Through the preaching of Billy Graham, it is believed that 2.2 million people committed their lives to Jesus.

THE GOSPEL CHANGES PEOPLE.

7) **The STRENGTH TO OVERCOME identifies JESUS AS LORD**

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, v39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Romans 8, the Apostle Paul encourages believers to stand firm in their faith. In verse 28, Paul reminds us that God works all things for our good as believers.

The only reason we can know we are more than conquerors is because we are connected to the ONE who is able to overcome all things.

And the reason why we can know that God will make us victors is not based on who we are but on God's love for us.

8) **The INNER CONVICTION of the HOLY SPIRIT identifies JESUS AS LORD**

1 Cor 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.

The Bible is very clear about the work of the Holy Spirit in pointing us to Jesus.
John 14:26 But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 15:26 "When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:13-15 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. v14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. v15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

CONCLUSION

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Matthew 16:13-20 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" v14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." v15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" v16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." v17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. v18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. v19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." v20 Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.