

OUR MISSION

Commissioned with Purpose - Empowered by the Spirit - Led by Christ

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When we realize that we need a Savior, it becomes easier to follow Jesus as Savior, as the Messiah. But do we follow him as Jesus, our Lord? He holds both titles, Lord and Messiah. He holds many titles in scripture.

What titles does he hold in your relationship with him?

Acts 2:22-36 (NIV)

22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.” 29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

For a deeper understanding:

Read: Read Psalm 16, 110; 2 Samuel 7:1-4, 11b-17; 1 Kings 2:10-12; and Mark 2:13-17.

Consider: Dig into a commentary, printed or online, to study the text from the biblical writer's perspective. What did Peter's audience think when they heard him speak, as opposed to what we think as we read or hear Peter's words?

For example, "the three names by which we designate our Saviour - Jesus, Lord, Christ. To us they are very little more than three proper names; they were very different to these men who listened to the characteristically vehement discourse of the Apostle Peter. It wanted some courage to stand up at Pentecost and proclaim on the housetop what he had spoken in the ear long ago, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!' To most of his listeners to say 'Jesus is the Christ' was folly, and to say 'Jesus is the Lord' was blasphemy." (biblehub.com/commentaries/maclaren/acts/2.htm)

Questions to personally consider:

- Have you gotten too comfortable with the names of Jesus?
- Have they lost their power in your life?
- Is Jesus your 'get out of hell free' move?
- Have you recognized that you need a God bigger than yourself?
- Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior, as your Redeemer (in other words, your Messiah)?
- Is Jesus the Lord of your life?
- How do you live in a manner that demonstrates that you have given the title of Lord to Jesus and not to yourself (or someone else)?

Y o u r N o t e s (what God is saying to you)
