



SERMON
NOTES

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“Jesus is Lord”

1. JESUS IS TO BE THE LORD OF _____

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Deuteronomy 10:14

a. He is the _____ of the Church

“...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18

Lord Jesus, what is it that you want for your church?

As the owner, Jesus has also been given authority over everything!

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Matthew 28:18

⁹*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place & gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven & on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* Philippians 2:9-11

b. He is the _____ of the Church

For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2:25

Jesus the Great Shepherd knows us and the church well! He knows our past, present and future and the plans that the Father has for us.

c. He is the _____ of the Church

²²*And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.* Ephesians 1:22-23

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Colossians 1:18

Is Jesus a figure head or a real functioning head?

How do we allow Jesus to truly be the “functional” Lord and head of our church?

d. He is the _____ of the Church

In Acts, we see that thru God’s Spirit, Jesus chose church leaders, warned church leaders, resolved church problems, prophesied thru church members, judged and disciplined church members, directed church leaders, and changed the plans of church leaders.

⁶*Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.* Acts 16:6-7

⁸*So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.* Acts 16:8-10

Jesus was speaking to the 7 churches in Revelation 1-3 by his Spirit.

“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches...” Revelation 2:7a

“I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.” Revelation 2:19

What were Jesus’ evaluations of their heart attitudes and behaviors?

He commended, exhorted, rebuked, warned and admonished them, intending to change their present behavior to avoid future judgment.

“If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” Revelation 2:5b

Jesus’ presence will no longer be with his people who do not repent.

¹⁵*“If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.*

¹⁶*How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”* Exodus 33:15-16

If Jesus is to walk among us today what would he say to our church?

When was the last time Jesus was part of our fellowship planning meetings, committee meetings, ministry team meetings, or even our Elders Board meetings in any real and true sense?

Is it true that Jesus is involved in all the decision making process of our church? Do we truly consult him on matters or do we just add his name to whatever we have decided on already?

Is Jesus given the liberty and freedom to change things up? Has he ever changed the desires and plans of our church in any significant or tangible way?

Has Jesus ever challenged any of our deeply held theological positions and convictions? Did we change? Did I change as a result?

When was the last time Jesus was given true authority and headship in our church?

Our church is actually not a democracy (people-rule), but rather it is a theocracy (God/Jesus-rule).

Give people ample time to prayerfully reflect on a situation prior to making a decision. This helps to honor the Lord and the people as we are given time to listen, to pray, and to hear directly from God.

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Luke 6:46

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

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“By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.” John 5:30

2. JESUS IS TO BE THE LORD OF _____

Jesus is to be the functional Lord, not just the figurative Lord, of our church and in our homes.

What does it mean for him to be the functional Lord in your home? What is the Spirit of God saying to us – saying to you about this? (Take some time to listen to the Lord and to journal your thoughts.)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... Ephesians 3:20

This pandemic has allowed a time for us to “reset” our lives – reset our priorities, reset our relationship with God and with one another.

Consider how you can reset and re-orientate your life so that Jesus Christ is indeed the Lord of our church and the Lord of our home.

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He has risen from the dead,
and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.