



Jesus is Lord! / Part 2 of 2

This is the second of two weeks in thinking deeply about our beliefs in Jesus Christ, the very core of our Christian faith.

*** Share with your group - What is your earliest memory of hearing about Jesus that touched you personally? Who first shared Jesus with you?**

If you have time, rewatch Video #3, then read and discuss...

Last week we considered the variety of the beliefs people have had about Jesus, including some that veer from Scripture. An important reason the Apostle's Creed exists is to provide an agreed statement of beliefs, not just written by one person, but that all the earliest churches were in harmony with.

Proclaiming Jesus as Lord -

- **Read Acts 2:36-41 - Jesus proclaimed at Pentecost**
 - *This passage is part of the sermon Peter gives to the crowd gathered at the Jerusalem Temple for Pentecost. What titles does Peter declare for Jesus? Would these have been surprising? How did the people respond?*
 - *How do you see the Trinity at work in these verses - what roles do Father, Son, and Holy Spirit play?*
- **Read 2 Cor 4:4-6 - Not all believe in Jesus as Lord**
 - *Paul proclaims Jesus as "the image of God" and "Lord", but notes that not everyone believes. What reason does he give for unbelief?*
 - *We understand the term "prevenient grace" to refer to the way God woos and draws us to Himself - how is that seen in these verses?*
 - *What is an example of this "prevenient grace" in your life?*
- **Read Phil 2:5-11 - One of earliest Church songs about Jesus!**
 - *This passage is called the "Christ hymn", an early song about the person and work of Jesus sung in meetings of believers. Note how Jesus emptied and humbled Himself, so that the Father could exalt Him. What parts are especially meaningful to you?*
 - *Who will ultimately declare Jesus to be Lord?*
- **Read 1 Cor 6:11 - Radical changes in Jesus' name**
 - *After listing the former ways of life of Corinthian believers, Paul notes the radical change that took place through faith in Jesus! What changes had happened? Whose name have they taken?*

Consider - who do you declare Jesus to be in your life? Is He more than just Savior and friend, but also your Lord and master?

Read The Apostle's Creed together.

- *What stands out to you this week as you read?*

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(* not Roman Catholic, but all believers everywhere!)

Give thanks to God!

- Like the Corinthians, how has your life been changed because you know Jesus?