

Bible Study Series: "Not So With You" (lesson 8) Jesus & the World (pt. 1)

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As we explore some of the distinctive characteristics of Christ-Followers, consider a question: Why?

Why does God want us to be different? Is it simply so we will stand out and be noticed by others? It's becoming clear, that effort, rethinking & courage will be required to live as Christ-Followers!

But Why? To what end? To prove that it can be done? Or is there something else God has in mind?

To clarify this mystery, we will be looking at a word often used as a title of Jesus: Lord.

• **Many Christ-Followers see LORD as one of two primary roles of _____.**

"For the husband is the head of the wife as **Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.** ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything." Ephesians 5:23-24

"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent **his Son to be the Savior of the world.** ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God." 1 John 4:14-15

• **To understand what LORD means we must first reflect upon _____!**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**" Acts 2:36

"In him we have **redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,** in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he **made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure,** which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—**to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.**" Ephesians 1:7-10

• **If Jesus has defeated Evil, and has all Authority, why is everything still so _____?**

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³"Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

⁴The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶"**I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.**"

⁷**I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.**

⁸**Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.**

⁹**You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."**

¹⁰**Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹**Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.**

¹²**Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction,**

for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2