

Giv04 - Jesus is Lord - Col 1:15-20

Well - this is the 4th Msg in a short series called GIVE UP

It started with a Message called Giving Up, In, & Over -
& it's developed into this series - GIVE UP

In that 1st Overview Msg - We talked about:

GIVING UP - Your PRIDE

GIVING IN - To the Lordship of Jesus Christ

GIVING OVER - What you Can't Handle

After that first 'Overview' msg - we did 2 Msgs on "Giving UP"
Those were the Last 2 msgs on Brokenness

If you haven't heard either - I'd encourage you to listen/watch

Because we've GOT to BE - constantly reminded
of our Need for Brokenness in the Christian Life

That was the "GIVE UP" portion

Today I'd like to Start - TWO Msg's on "Giving IN"
As in - GIVING IN to the Lordship of Jesus Christ

& What I'd LIKE to TRY to do today - is to just place before you -
the Sheer POWER & MAGNIFICENCE -
of the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ

& then - Nxt Wk - We'll discuss WHAT to DO about it - *ok?*

Let's Pray

JESUS IS LORD

& Jesus **IS Lord** - **Whether** He is **OUR** Lord - or **NOT**

JESUS IS LORD - That's **WHO** He is - **Regardless** of how **anybody** **feels** or **thinks** - **THIS is Just** - **WHO** Jesus **IS**

Today - we **just want to see** the **Biblical Fact**
That - **JESUS IS LORD**

Then - **Next Week** - We'll **look at** what it **means** to **make Jesus**
OUR Lord (personally) - to **RECEIVE Him** as **OUR Personal Lord**

When **John the Baptist** came **on** the **scene**
to "**Prepare the Way of the Lord**" - As **Isaiah** prophesied

The first thing John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:2 (ESV)
2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

& He **said** "**The Kingdom of Heaven is at-hand**"
because he **KNEW** - the **KING of Heaven** - was **at hand**

The **KING of Heaven** - Was **bringing** His **Kingdom to the Earth**
& **John the Baptist** was saying "**DO NOT MISS THIS**"

& **Today** - **BY** the **Holy Spirit** -
John the Baptist is **Still Saying** - "**DO NOT MISS THIS**"

At the END of the O.T. - in Malachi 3:1 (ESV)
1 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way
before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to
his temple . . .

Israel was Looking for a KING from Heaven - & their King CAME

**God even had PILATE Make it clear one last time - w/ the Inscription
on the CROSS - Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews**

**The fact that Israel MISSED IT - Doesn't change the fact
that JESUS IS LORD - & it is the SAME for us today**

The KING of Heaven Had INVADED Enemy Territory
to RESCUE His people - & to Begin His ETERNAL REIGN

**In the O.T. - Whenever a KING had been Put in Place by God -
He was Required to PROVE His Calling & Anointing**

& **That is Exactly what Jesus did**

When John the Baptist had his moment of doubt in prison

He sent his followers to confirm that Jesus was INDEED
the LORD & Messiah God had Promised

& **when they asked Jesus that question - We Read in**

Matthew 11:4–5 (ESV)

4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

***5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the
poor have good news preached to them.***

These are The Signs - The Proofs

**That the rightful KING & LORD was in the midst of His people
& *that's why Jesus answered this way***

The 1st Message Jesus gave after his temptation in the wilderness

He stood in the Synagogue & Read from Isaiah 61 -
ABOUT the Coming of the Lord of Heaven

& when he finished reading - he sat down - & said in

Luke 4:21 (ESV)

21 . . . "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All thru His Life - Jesus Proved - Over & Over again - He was
NOT JUST a Good Teacher - bringing us good instruction for life

Jesus proved over & over again - He IS - LORD of ALL

He HEALED the SICK

He Gave SIGHT to the BLIND

He RAISED the DEAD

He FORGAVE Sin

The FORCES OF NATURE - Obeyed His Every Word

Even the DEMONIC REALM - Obeyed His Every Word

& Finally - On the Cross - when it LOOKED like The Enemy had
Beaten the King of Heaven

It was THERE - Jesus Displayed his SUPREME
ACT of LORDSHIP over - Our FINAL ENEMY

Because AT the Cross Jesus Destroyed
the One who held the Power of DEATH

AT the Cross - Jesus put the Evil Principalities & Powers
in the Spiritual Realm - to OPEN SHAME

Speakg of the Victory of the Cross - Colossians 2:15 (NLT)
15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

& in **THAT Final Victory** we can **say**
Jesus Christ is LORD - Over ALL !!

Over **ALL THINGS - in Heaven - on Earth - & Under the Earth**
He is **King of Kings & Lord of Lords - Over ALL things**

The Gospel Writers Documented it
Acts set **His New Kingdom** in **Motion**
& **the Remainder** of the **NT** - **Tells** the **Rest Of The Story**

TURN in your Bibles - To Col Ch 1

We'll start in **Col 1:13** - at the **Proclamation** of
Jesus as - **LORD of the Heavenly Kingdom**

Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT)

13 For he (God) has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness
and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,
14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

There IS a "**Kingdom of Darkness**"

with a **USURPING** ruler named **Satan** - **running** the show

& - **When** it's time - **Jesus** will **DEAL WITH HIM** - **Accordingly**

& **There IS** a "**Kingdom of Heaven**" - **That** you **CAN**
be **TRANSFERRED INTO**

BY **RECEIVING** the **FREE GIFT**
of **Forgiveness** & **Freedom** from your **sin**

& the **KING** - of that **Kingdom of Heaven**
Is **Jesus Christ** - **God's Dear Son**

& **He HIMSELF** - Paid the **FULL PRICE**
to **Purchase your Freedom** - & **Forgive your Sin**

But - We have GOT to Grasp - WHO He TRULY IS

He's **NOT** *Just* a **GOOD TEACHER**

He's **NOT** our **SERVANT**

He's **NOT** our **GENIE**

Col 1:15-20 - Gives us **some idea**
Of **WHO** our **LORD** Truly **IS**

Colossians 1:15 - (ESV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

"The Image" MEANS - "The Exact (full) Representation of God"

"The Firstborn" DOESN'T Mean Created - But First in Preeminence

Jesus is the **Exact** (Full) **Representation** of God
& **He** is **FIRST in Preeminence** over **ALL Creation**

Cont'g - Colossians 1:16-17 - (ESV)

16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

All things were created BY Him, & THRU Him

In Heaven & On Earth - Visible & Invisible

Includ'g ALL - Thrones, Dominions, Rulers, & Authorities

He is **BEFORE All things**
& **IN HIM** all things **hold together**

THAT is **WHO** Our **LORD JESUS - IS**

Colossians 1:18 - (ESV)

18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

He is the **HEAD** of **the Church** - & **We** are His **Body**

He is The **BEGINNING** - & The **FIRST** of the **Resurrection**

He is **ABSOLUTELY PREEMINENT** Over ALL Things - **HE IS LORD!!**

Colossians 1:19-20 - (ESV)

***19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*
20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Jesus is **GOD in the Flesh**

The **FULLNESS of God** - **DWELLS in Him**

& **THRU HIM** - **ALL Things** have been

RECONCILED to God - **Whether** on **EARTH** or in **HEAVEN**

All of Creation was **Under** the **CURSE of SIN**

But **Jesus Christ ALONE** - Has **made PEACE**

By His SACRIFICE on **the Cross**

He is **KING** of the **Kingdom of God**

& **He is LORD** - Over **ALL**

TURN Over to **HEBREWS** . . . (*not too far to the right*)

The Writer of **HEBREWS** puts the **Lordship of Jesus Christ**
in this **Exact** same **LIGHT**

Hebrews 1:2–3 (ESV) - say

2 . . . [Jesus], through whom [God] created the world.

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power . . .

He is the **AGENT** of **Creation**

He **RADIATES** (Not Reflects) the **GLORY of God**

He is The **EXACT IMPRINT** of **God's Nature**

& He **Upholds** the **UNIVERSE** by the **word of His POWER**

& then Hebrews 1:3 Cont's (ESV)

3 . . . After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

After **The Final Victory** of **His Resurrection**

After **Jesus Conquered Sin & Death** & The **Grave** - on **OUR Behalf**

He **SAT Down** at the **Right Hand of God** (The Place of Authority)

Flip Back to **Ephesians** (*back past Colossians*)

Ephesians 1:19(b)–22 (FROM the NLT)

19 . . . [It is God's] mighty power

20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. → →

22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

THIS is WHO The LORD JESUS Really is

**You can be ON His Side - OR You can be AGAINST Him
But THIS - is WHO He Truly IS**

**& He has Done SO MUCH For you Personally -
TO SAVE YOU - & To Transfer You Into His Kingdom**

**Listen to the INCREDIBLE EXTENT to which
The LORD of ALL Creation - Has GONE for you**

Flip over to Philippians (*One book to the right*)

Philippians 2:6–11 (FROM the NLT)

6 *Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*

7 *Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,*

8 *he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. - FOR YOU!!*

9 *Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,*

10 *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

11 *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Jesus IS LORD - he is LORD of ALL Creation

BUT LOOK at what He has done - FOR YOU - Personally

He Emptied Himself of His Divine Rights & Privileges

He took on the Humble (& Humiliating) Position of a SLAVE
& was born a human being

& He humbled himself - SO FAR - FOR YOU
that he died a Criminal's Death on the Cross - IN YOUR PLACE

& Therefore - Because of WHO He IS - & WHAT He's DONE

God has ELEVATED him to the place of HIGHEST HONOR
& GIVEN him the NAME that is Above ALL NAMES

That AT the NAME of Jesus - One Day - EVERY KNEE Will BOW
In HEAVEN - On EARTH - & UNDER the Earth

& EVERY Tongue - Will Confess - *that Jesus Christ is Lord,*
to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Christ IS LORD OF ALL

ALL that is in Heaven -

ALL that is on Earth . . . Jesus Christ is LORD OF ALL

& I think we often FAIL to have
a CORRECT VIEW of Jesus as The ULTIMATE LORD

Maybe we've Never Had the Right View

Or maybe we've gotten so caught up in our SELF-Focused VIEW
that we've Got a DISTORTED View of WHO Jesus is

The Apostle John had One view of Jesus
while Jesus was here on Earth

In fact The Apostle John liked to refer to Himself as
“The Apostle Whom Jesus Loved”

John was most probably Jesus’ BEST FRIEND
While Jesus was on Earth

But John Got a
FULL PERSPECTIVE UPDATE on Jesus - in REV Ch 1

Let’s Turn over to Revelation 1:10–17 (ESV)

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

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12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow.

His eyes were like a flame of fire,

15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead . . .

THIS - is WHO the LORD JESUS CHRIST is - TODAY

He is in the MIDST of the Heavenly Throne Room

His Eyes are like a FLAME of FIRE

His FEET are like Bronze in the Furnace

His VOICE is like the ROAR of many Waters

In His Right Hand he holds 7 stars

From His MOUTH comes a SHARP Two-Edged Sword

His **FACE** is like the **Sun Shining** it it's **Full Strength** . . .

& **WHEN** you **SEE Him** - the only **correct response**
is to **Fall at His Feet** as **tho** you were **DEAD**

THIS - Is the **LORD of Heaven** -
THIS is **WHO Jesus Christ** is - **TODAY**

But - **This is ALSO** - the **SAME JESUS**
Who **DIED** in **your place** - to **PAY** for Your **Sin**
& to **Offer you** the **Free Gift** of **Eternal Life**

He is **AWESOME** in His **LORDSHIP** - AND in His **LOVE for YOU**

& **So** - **as John** was **Laying** there **shaking** like a **Dead Man**

We read - Cont'g in Revelation 1:17-18 (ESV)

*17 . . . But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,
18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.*

The **LORD JESUS** Has **Ultimate Authority** - over **ALL** Eternity

BUT - This **AWESOME** - **HEAVEN-SHAKING** Lord
ALSO Says to **YOU** - *Personally* - **Just 2 Ch's later** in

Revelation 3:20 (ESV)

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

This is a **picture** - of the **Lord of Heaven**
Offering to **COMMUNE** with **YOU** - *Personally*

AND - He **NOT ONLY** **offers** to **Commune** with You

The NEXT Vs - Revelation 3:21 says (ESV)

21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

JOINT HEIRS with **Jesus Christ** - That's what **ROM 8:17** **calls** those who **have Made Him** their **PERSONAL Lord**

There is **SO MUCH** in **Revelation** that **SHOWS Jesus** as the **LORD of all Creation**

If you **weren't with** us when we **studied REV**
Get it **ONLINE**, **Phone App**, **CD/DVD**, Etc - & **Go through it**

Jesus is **ABSOLUTELY LORD** - in **ALL of Revelation**
From the **FIRST Verse** - to the **LAST Verse** - **JESUS IS LORD**

But **there's just one** more passage in **REV** - I **HAVE** to read
- It's the **RETURN** of our Lord **FROM** Heaven to Earth - -

Revelation 19:11–16 (ESV)

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. → → (v.15)

**15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.**

THIS is HOW The LORD JESUS - Is going to RETURN

The **NEXT TIME** he comes to **Earth**
He is coming as - ***King of Kings & Lord of Lords***

& **Please hear me** when I say
You **WANT** to be **WITH** HIM - **NOT Against** Him

You Definitely WANT to be a PART of that Heavenly Army

**Who are Arrayed in Fine Linen - White & Pure -
& are Following Jesus when He Returns**

**We have the Most Awesome, incredible LORD
King of Kings, & Lord of Lords**

The **Alpha & Omega** - the **Beginning & the End**

The **First & the Last**

The **One who Was & Is & Is to Come**

The **Lord of all Creation** - The **Maker of Heaven & Earth**

The **One who Reconciled** all of **Creation** to God

& **the One who came** -
to **DIE** in **YOUR Place** - to **Reconcile YOU** to **God**

Do you KNOW Him ?

WOULD you LIKE to Know Him ?

Because He Stands - Knocking at the Door of your Heart

& IF you will invite Him in . . .

He will

SAVE You - TRANSFORM You

**& MAKE you a JOINT-HEIR with Him
of ALL the Father has Given Him**

Let's Pray