SERIES: THE OTHER SIX DAYS MESSAGE: NOT A ONE DAY GOD

4-3-22

OPENER:

Matthew 16:13-19 (NLT) When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

The Holy Spirit is asking "Who do you say I am?" So I ask you today, "Who is Jesus to you?"

I. JESUS IS LORD

In the New Testament, LORD is the most frequently used title for Jesus. Although we rarely use the word "LORD" in our daily lives, we are all quite familiar with another word: boss. That is basically what Lord means—one possessing authority, power, and control. The Word of God describes Jesus as the head of the church, the ruler over all creation - the Lord of lords and King of kings!

Luke 2:11 (NKJV) For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS WAS ANNOUNCED BY IDENTIFYING HIM AS A SAVIOR WHO IS LORD.

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT)you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our <u>Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</u>. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

Four times in this second letter of Peter, he used the phrase "our Lord <u>AND</u> Savior." The Christians of the early Church would be puzzled by someone claiming Jesus to be their Savior, but not the Lord their life.

Matthew 1:21 Says.... "He will save His people from their sins." That is a great thing!

BUT WE MUST UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHO IS
THE ONE THAT SAVES US.
HE IS A SAVIOR WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.

More than 80 times in the New Testament Jesus is identified as the Lord Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ our Lord, or Christ Jesus our Lord. The fact that Jesus is Lord is one of the central truths of the Bible.

THE JESUS OF THE BIBLE IS BOTH SAVIOR AND LORD.

You'll occasionally hear Christians say something like, "I accepted Jesus as my Savior, then [months or years] later I accepted Him as my Lord." Honestly, I do not understand how this can be.

WE ARE SAVED FROM SOMETHING BUT ALSO TO SOMETHING!

WE ARE SAVED FROM OUR SINS TO THE ABSOLUTE 100% LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES.

It is a tragic mistake just to regard Jesus as a "fire escape" from the hell. The heart cry of every Christian should be "Jesus is Lord!"

John 14:15, 21 (NLT) If you love me, keep my commandments

........................[21] Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.

WE NEED HIM TO SAVE US "AND" LEAD US.

TO ONLY ASK HIM TO SAVE US WITHOUT MAKING A COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW HIM IS NOT ACCEPTING ALL OF WHO JESUS IS.

TO ONLY ACCEPT HIM AS SAVIOR IS ONLY USING FOR SELFISH GAIN.
ONLY SEEKING HIM WHEN WE WANT SOMETHING.
ONLY PURSUING HIM WHEN WE ARE IN NEED.
THIS IS RELIGION - NOT SUBMISSION.

<u>Lord</u> = boss, ruler, administrator, leader

ILLUSTRATION:

If Jesus is your Lord, then he is the administrator of your life. Which means he manages and plans the details of your life. Like how you spend our time, where you go, what you do.

But if we administrate and rule our own lives. Then we have moved God out of being Lord of our lives and we have taken control.

SO I ASK YOU AGAIN, WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

CHRIST IS BOTH THINGS TO US - SAVIOR AND LORD.
YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM AS SAVIOR WITHOUT HAVING HIM HAS LORD.

II. HYPOCRISY IS EVIDENCE OF A LACK OF LORDSHIP

Luke 6:46 (NLT) So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST IS MORE THAN JUST MOUTH SERVICE.

TO ACCEPT JESUS AS LORD IS TO SURRENDER IN TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO HIM.

Matthew 7:21 (NLT) Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

- >If Jesus is Lord on Sunday morning, but not Lord at school, then is He truly Lord of your life?
- >If He is Lord on Sunday but not Lord at your work, then have you really committed to His as your Lord?
- > Would your friends during the week fit in with your friends at church?
- >Do you live a double life? One way on Sundays and another way during the week?
- > Do your actions match your confession? You say you are a Christian, but do you act like one?

But how many of us act differently this morning than we do during the week?

A HUSBAND OR WIFE WHO IS ONLY 85% FAITHFUL IS NOT FAITHFUL AT ALL.

Jesus continues speaking......

Luke 6:47- 49 (NLT) I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. ⁴⁸ It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. ⁴⁹ But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins

III. HE IS AN EVERYDAY GOD

The gospels record several occasions when Jesus performed a healing on the Sabbath day. In most of those instances, the healing was followed by a confrontation with the religious leaders.

Jesus knew the Pharisees' rules regarding the Sabbath, so why did He choose to heal on that day?

Jesus was not violating the law of God when He healed on the Sabbath. He was acting against the Pharisees' interpretation of the law and against their particular rules. Jesus healed on the Sabbath in order to reveal the hypocrisy of the Pharisees' religion. So when Jesus healed on the Sabbath, He was challenging the Pharisees' beliefs as being from man and not from God.

THE MAIN REASON THAT JESUS HEALED ON THE SABBATH WAS THAT PEOPLE NEEDED HIS HELP.

NEED KNOWS NO CALENDAR.

But the religious leaders were saying that God could only do certain things on certain days.

WHEN WE COMPARTMENTALIZE GOD THEN WE ARE PRACTICING RELIGION NOT RELATIONSHIP. AND WE PUT GOD IN A BOX.

I am grateful for the space that we have reserved as a body to come together.

- > But have you created space for God the other six days of this week?
- > Have you talked to God, alone, intimately?
- > Have you worshipped him?
- > Have you listened to him?
- > Have you given Him any time, consideration, worship or service outside of Sunday morning?

IF WE ONLY THINK ABOUT GOD, PRAY TO GOD, WORSHIP GOD AND MINISTER FOR GOD ON SUNDAYS THEN WE HAVE CATEGORIZED GOD IN OUR LIVES AND WE ARE NO BETTER THAN THE PHARISEES.

ILLUSTRATION: God in a box.

WE HAVE SHUT GOD OUT OF THE OTHER SIX DAYS AND PUT GOD IN A BOX.

TO CONFINE GOD TO ONLY A PORTION OF OUR LIVES IS RELIGION.

WE HAVE COMPARTMENTALIZED GOD. THIS IS NOT LORDSHIP.

WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES.....ARE WE RELIGIOUS OR ARE WE RELATIONAL?

Psalm 118:24 (NLT)This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

EVERY DAY IS THE LORD'S DAY!

Note:

Matthew 12:1-8 (NIV) At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. ² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

³ He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴ He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. ⁵ Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? ⁶ I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' ^d you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Hebrews 4:6-7 (NLT) So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. ⁷ So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted:

"Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts."

CLOSING:

Only one day a week is only around 15% of our total time in a week. Are we giving God only 15% of our lives?

So, I ask you again.... Who is Jesus to you? Is He a one day God? Or is He an Everyday God to you?