

The Lens of Lordship

Jesus as “Lord of All”

Introduction: The Message of the Kingdom

- ▶ Matt. 4:23- the first message is that of the gospel of the Kingdom, not just the gospel of salvation.
- ▶ Matt. 24:14- the “good news” that must be preached to the whole of the earth is that of the Kingdom.
- ▶ Unique nature of Matthew’s Gospel: centered on Jesus as “royalty” (genealogy as the ”Son of David”)
- ▶ We are to carry the message of this “good news”: there is a new King that is bringing in a new Kingdom (Col. 1:13- ”He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son.”)
- ▶ A special note about ”biblical statistics”: A good starting place but more is required (How do these things relate to one another since they are all sacred Scripture? “Christian” and “Lord” example)

A New Way to Look at a Common Idea

- ▶ A common phrase/descriptor of Jesus is “Lord of all.”
 - ▶ Found in only two places in the Bible: Acts 10:36 and Rom. 10:12
 - ▶ A title that was likely “code” to elevate Jesus above the emperor’s titles of “Dominus” and “Son of god(s)”
- ▶ Both passages are speaking to something specific: the opening up of the Gospel to those that were previously prevented from becoming members of the people of God

Three Ways of Looking at "Lord of All"

- ▶ Jesus wants us to expand our understanding of what His Lordship means beyond that of personal discipleship.
- ▶ "Lord of Creation" (Mk. 4:35-41)
 - ▶ Demonstrates His lordship over the seen (the storm) and the unseen (the "power" that was said to control the weather)
 - ▶ Harkens back to the creation account (Jewish worldview contrasted with the other ancient myths/gods; Ps.24:1)
 - ▶ Jesus continues to demonstrate His power/authority over the bodies of people (healings), the dark forces (exorcisms), and even death itself (resurrections)

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- ▶ "Lord of Salvation" (Lk. 23:39-43)
 - ▶ The story of the thieves on the cross; Jesus decides that one should be granted mercy and the other should not
 - ▶ His Lordship extends to those whom He decides to extend salvation to (Ex. 33:19; Rom. 9:14-18)
 - ▶ He has decided that there be "one way" (Acts 4:12)
 - ▶ He gives out the riches of salvation to whomever that He wishes, regardless of what qualifications they demonstrate beforehand or how long they have been "at it." (Matt. 20:1-16)

Three Ways of Looking at "Lord of All"

- ▶ "Lord of Mission" (Acts 10:36; Rom 10:13)
 - ▶ The context for this message: God decides that the Gentiles should come in.
 - ▶ He assigns what He assigns to us, regardless of our qualifications or abilities (1Cor. 15:9-10)
 - ▶ He gives grace to whom He decides to give to give grace to (Stop being jealous of someone else's grace; get yours! 1 Cor. 12-14; Eph. 4)
 - ▶ He can change the assignment at any time (Acts 8:26-40; How do you think this worked out practically??)
- ▶ Conclusion- Jesus never releases a message into the earth that He does not both embody and empower! (Manifesting the Mission)