

CALL NO MAN

RABBI

FATHER

MASTER

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3 TITLES, RABBI, FATHER, MASTER



8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

MATTHEW 23:8-10 KJV

BIBLICAL CONTEXT OF RABBI

CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS STUDY BIBLE

23:7,8 *Rabbi*. Social convention stipulated that social inferiors should greet superiors first; later rabbis believed that the superiors included rabbis. In this period, "rabbi" meant, "my master," a title of great honor (though it gradually came to be used with Jewish teachers' names, e.g., Rabbi Tarfon). Later rabbis trained disciples in their own traditions, passed down from their teachers, and in the Law of Moses. Although Jesus' disciples should "make disciples" (28:19), they should make disciples of Jesus and not of themselves.

But be not ye called Rabbi:
for one is your Master,
even Christ;
Matthew 23:8

Greek Parsing

Inflected: Ῥαββί

Root: ῥαββί 

Strong's: G4461

English: Rabbi:

Code: HEB

Speech: Hebrew transliterated word
(indeclinable)

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

ῥαββί *rhabbí*, hrab-bee'; of Hebrew origin (H7227 with pronominal suffix); my master, i.e Rabbi, as an official title of honor:—Master, Rabbi.

BIBLICAL CONTEXT OF FATHER

CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS STUDY BIBLE

23:9 *father.* People often addressed respected older men or leaders as “fathers”; the title and role were also applied to many rabbis by their disciples.

α. teachers, as those to whom pupils trace back the knowledge and training they have received: [Matthew 23:9](#) (of prophets, [2 Kings 2:12](#); [2 Kings 6:21](#)).

12 AND ELISHA SAW IT, AND HE CRIED, **MY FATHER, MY FATHER**, THE CHARIOT OF ISRAEL, AND THE HORSEMEN THEREOF. AND HE SAW HIM NO MORE: AND HE TOOK HOLD OF HIS OWN CLOTHES, AND RENT THEM IN TWO PIECES. **2 KINGS 2:12**

AND CALL NO MAN YOUR FATHER UPON THE EARTH: **FOR ONE IS YOUR FATHER, WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 23:9**

BIBLICAL CONTEXT OF MASTER

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

καθηγητής *kathēgētēs*, kath-ayg-ay-tace'; from a compound of G2596 and G2233; a guide, i.e. (figuratively) a teacher:—master.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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STRONGS G2519:

καθηγητής, καθηγητου, ό (**καθηγέομαι** to go before, lead);

a. properly, a **guide**: Numen. quoted in Ath. 7, p. 313 d.

b. a **master, teacher**: [Matthew 23:8](#) R G, [10](#). (Dionysius Halicarnassus jud. de Thucydides 3, 4; several times in Plutarch (cf. Wetstein (1752) on Matthew, the passage cited.))

THESE TITLES BELONG TO THE FATHER & SON

Master in Hebrew & Greek belongs to Jesus the Son of God.

Father belongs to God the Father.

No man should be called by these titles to exalt themselves on a level with God.

Example: If you work for a company you would not call yourself the president because you do not own the company. You would call yourself the title you were given. Jesus never gave the titles Master or Father to no man.



JESUS NAMED THEM APOSTLES

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he **named apostles**;

14 Simon, (whom he also **named Peter**,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

LUKE 6:13-14 KJV

b. **τινα**, with a proper or an appellative name as predicate accusative, **to name, i. e. give name to, one**: Luke 6:13f; passive **to be named, i. e. bear the name of**, 1 Corinthians 5:11; **ἐκ** with the genitive of the one from whom the received name is derived, Ephesians 3:15 (Homer Iliad 10, 68; Xenophon, mem. 4, 5, 12).

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

ἀπόστολος **apóstolos**, ap-os'-tol-os; from G649; a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ("apostle") (with miraculous powers):—apostle, messenger, he that is sent.



JESUS GAVE THESE TITLES

11 And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

EPHESIANS 4:11 KJV

And God hath set some in the church, **first apostles**, **secondarily prophets**, **thirdly teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:28 KJV

DO NOT ADD TO THE WORDS OF JESUS!!

WARNING

Do not teach that it is wrong to call someone apostle, prophet, evangelist, teacher, or bishop. Jesus was specific on what He said and NO MAN should ADD to what He said.

