

Jesus is Lord, Not Life-Coach
John 10:7-11; 14-15
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The Movement

- ⇒ At best Jesus can be viewed as the messiah, but the church conspired and altered his teachings.
- ⇒ Usually Jesus is reduced to a great philosopher, moral teacher, and the best life-coach anyone can ask for.

➤ The Character of Jesus

- i. Love and only love.
- ii. Not love and justice.
- iii. Not love and righteousness/holiness.
- iv. Just love with little to no accountability for his followers.
- v. Certainly no Lordship. Jesus doesn't Lord himself over anyone.

- ⇒ Jesus is seen as many things in the movement, but Lord is not one of them.
 - You can't approach Jesus on any given day and say I'll have a big scoop of salvation today, but hold the lordship please—he's not the lunch lady and there is no heavenly al a cart.

"When Jesus is truly our Lord, He directs our lives and we gladly obey Him. Indeed, we bring every part of our lives under His lordship - our home and family, our sexuality and marriage, our job or unemployment, our money and possessions, our ambitions and our recreations." –John Stott

The Facts (what we believe)

➤ Jesus

- i. We believe Jesus is Lord (not life coach).
- ii. We believe Jesus is the way into eternal life.
- iii. We believe Jesus is intimately involved in our lives and truly knows us.
- iv. We believe Jesus desires full-fledged followers.
- v. Jesus calls us to repent from sin and wrong living and to follow him in all holiness.

- ⇒ Jesus is the gate leading into eternal life.
- ⇒ Jesus showcases sacrificial love for his sheep.
- ⇒ Jesus knows his followers (the sheep) and knows them as intimately as he knows the father.