**R966 Rumination for July 30, 2023**

The **T**heme: **The Lordship of Christ** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

**The Text:** *. Ye call Me Master and* ***Lord****: and ye say well; for so I am.* Jn. 13:13

The **T**hots:

1. **The Attestation to Christ’s Singular Lordship.**
2. Its **U**ses: “*Lord*” (Gk. *kyrios*) –
3. Its **O**ccurrences: used of an owner, a master, an emperor/king, etc.
4. The **O**nly word in the Septuagint used of *YAWEH* – “LORD”
5. Its **U**sage:
6. First **S**ignificant Use of the word - *Thomas answered and said unto Him, My* ***Lord*** *and my God.* Jn. 20:28
7. The **S**ubsequent Uses exclusively of the Lord by believers –

*And the* ***Lord*** *added to the church daily such as should be saved.* Acts 2:47

1. The **S**uperior use of the word only for Christ - Acts 2:36

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus,*

*whom ye have crucified, both* ***Lord*** *and Christ.*

1. **The Acknowledgement of Christ’s Supreme Lordship.**
2. As **S**een by Thomas – *Thomas answered and said unto Him,* ***My Lord and my God****.* Jn. 20:28
3. Jesus was his **A**cclaimed Lord – *My* ***Lord*** *and my* ***God****.* Jn. 20:27

*Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand,*

*and thrust it into My side: and* *be not faithless, but believing.*

1. Jesus was his **A**ccepted Living Lord - ***b****e not faithless, but* ***b****elieving*
2. As **S**hould be **S**een by us:
3. **R**ecognise Jesus as the **A**nointed Lord – the same Jesus, Thomas and all Israel knew. Acts 2:36

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus,*

*whom ye have crucified, both* ***Lord*** *and Christ*.

1. Confess Him as the **A**risen **R**esurrected Lord: Rom. 10:9, HCSB

*If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is* ***Lord****,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

1. **A**ccept Him as the **A**ppointed Living and **R**isen Lord: Rom. 14:9

*To this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be* ***Lord*** *both of the dead and living.*

1. **The Acceptance of Christ’s Sovereign Lordship.**
2. He is **A**ppointed Lord by Divine Identification. Acts 2:36

*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus,*

*Whom ye have crucified, both* ***Lord*** *and Christ.*

1. His Resurrec**tion** identified Him as Lord.
2. His Exalta**tion** verified that God had made Him Lord.
3. Our Preoccupa**tion** is to magnify Him as Lord.
4. He is **A**cknowledged Lord in our **S**alvation.
5. This is our Obligat**ion** in our **C**onfession – *confess with your mouth, “Jesus is* ***Lord****”* Rom. 10:9, HCSB
6. This was Paul’s Quest**ion** in **C**onfrontation – ***Lord****, what wilt Thou have me to do?* Acts 9:6
7. This is the Holy Spirit’s Attestat**ion** in **C**onfirmation. I Cot. 12:3

*…no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed:*

*and that no man can say that Jesus is the* ***Lord****, but by the Holy Ghost.*

1. We should **A**im to make Him our Lord in our **S**anctification. Rom. 14:8, 9 cf. Isa. 8:13; I Pet. 3:15

*For whether we live, we live unto the* ***Lord****; and whether we die, we die unto the* ***Lord****:*

*whether we live therefore, or die,* *we are the* ***Lord****.*

1. We *Live* unto the Lord – He is our **C**entre – the **P**rime **M**otivation.
2. We *Die* unto the Lord – He is our **C**ircumference – our **P**erpetual **P**rotection. Gal. 2:20

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me….*

1. We are the Lord’s – He is our **C**onsummation – His **P**rivate **P**ossession – *we are the Lord.*

*At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee should bow, And ev’ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*God exalted Jesus Christ to the highest place, And gave to Him the highest name that is above all names.*

*At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee should bow, And ev’ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*He is Lord, He is Lord to the glory of God the Father.* Scott Werdebaugh

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**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R.966**

1. **Consider the Challenge of the Acknowledgment the True Lordship of Christ**

**in our Lives:**

**[Continued from above…}**

**D. The Application of Christ’s Lordship.**

1. What True Lordship is not:
2. It is not Negative Confession of His Name. Acts 10:14

*Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.*

* One cannot confess Him “*Lord*” and yet say, “*Not So*” to what He Says!

1. It is not mere Active Participation using His Name: Mt. 7:21-23

*Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;*

*but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.*

*Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name?*

*and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?*

*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.*

1. It is not mere Objective Profession of His Name. Lk. 6:46

*And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

1. What True Lordship is. I Pet. 3:13-17
2. The Complete**ly** **I**mplicit Obedience to His **W**ord at all times. 3:14, 15

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

1. The Seeming**ly** **I**rrational Obedience to His **W**ill at times. 3:17 cf. 3:15

*For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.*

1. The Consistent**ly** **I**rrefutable Life of Obedience to His **W**ays every time. Cf. Christ.

*For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.*

Jn. 6:38

* It is easy to say, “*L*o*rd, Lord*”, but it is another thing to obey Him fully as Lord:

*“Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do the things I say?* Lk. 6:46, HCSB

**REFLECT**

1. The Lord has allowed His Name to be used for the Breaking of Bread which He Himself instituted (I Cor. 11:26) – *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the* ***Lord's*** *death till He come.*

**The Lord’s Supper…**

1. …is for the **R**ecognition of the **D**ivine Headship in the Church, the Body of Christ –

I Cor. 11:3 – *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God* [in the context of I Cor. 11]

1. …is for the **R**emembrance of His **D**eath, Burial, Resurrection and Return for the Church

I Cor. 11: 26 - *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the* ***Lord's*** *death till He come.*

1. But the **C**hurch in **C**orinth **D**efaulted in this: I Cor. 11:20-21 –

*When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.*

*For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.*

1. They **D**id not Examine themselves to **D**iscern the Lord’s Body. 1 Cor. 11:28-29 *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.*

* Do you know what it is to **D**iscern the Lord’s Body when you eat the Bread and **D**rink of the Cup at the Lord’s Supper? Do not Eat and Drink **D**amnation to yourself! **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Is the Lord’s Supper, the LORD’S Supper or your Supper?*