

## IS JESUS LORD OF YOUR LIFE?

### John 13:1-14

This question is often heard from a church pulpit, a Sunday school class, maybe on radio or internet. By actual bible interpretation it is actually a rhetorical question which does not deserve an answer.

**Philippians 2:9-11** Whether or not people want to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord or not doesn't matter, HE IS LORD!! God the Father has emphatically proclaimed Jesus is Lord of all things and all people. The question really should be is "have I submitted to Jesus Lordship?"

**James 4:7** To submit to the Lord is to yield to His will and control. Many preachers teach Lordship salvation on T. V. and radio. This doctrine is false as the bible is clear that we are saved by grace through faith, (**Eph. 2:8-9**). Submission is related to spiritual growth and maturity, (**II Pt. 3:18**).

**Matthew 16:13-16** Jesus presented a unique and revealing question when He asked this of His disciples. Most of us would answer the same as Peter did. Most of us would also think that we would only need to answer this question along with whether Jesus was Lord of our life only one time; we would be very wrong as Peter would find out later on during his spiritual journey.

**II Corinthians 11:3-4** Most Christians have not changed since Paul was concerned about these carnal believers. He doubted whether they really recognized the 'real' Lord Jesus. Isn't it true that just about everyone will say they love Jesus and that Jesus is the Christ and Lord of all?

### WHEN THINGS GO BAD

**Mark 4:35-38; II Cor. 11:24-27** When Murphy's Law catches up to you as it always does, is He still Lord? When the job disappears, when the kids go bad, when your not getting on well with your spouse, is He still Lord? Look at what Paul went through while all along just trying to serve God.

**Matthew 26:56, 69-75** When despair and failure hits you hard and you feel hopeless, alone and shameful, is Jesus still Lord? Do you sense Him still close and waiting for you to embrace Him?

**John 11:1-3** When you have prayed for days, maybe months for God to heal you or a family member and it seems that your prayers have not left the building and heartache comes, is He still Lord?

**I Kings 17:7-12; Malachi 3:8** When the car breaks down, the a/c stops running and its 90 degrees in the house. When there is no money for cloths, shoes, vacation or taxes, is He still Lord?

### WHEN TEMPTATIONS COME

**Luke 12:16-19** When it seems like the world and your boss think you are the greatest and the good life and material things just keep flowing into your life is He still Lord? Who do you say He is then?

**I Timothy 6:5, 9-10** When a big promotion and tons more money are in your future and all you have to do is just compromise a little and come around a little regarding your spiritual stand who is He then?

**II Timothy 4:10** When the hardships of 'living the Christian life' seem like a drag and the world offers a more pleasant living experience, or when family wants more of your time because you are at church all the time, that's the time Jesus is asking you "who do you say I am"? Is He still Lord?

**I John 2:16** When everyone around you has a better car, a nicer home, a better vacation, do you envy the people who have more than you? Do you have a hard time controlling what you watch on T. V. or the internet and find more pleasure in fleshly things than before? Is He still Lord then?

### HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE LORD

**I Thessalonians 5:17** When you don't have any more words of prayer, keep praying, it is our power.

**II Timothy 2:15** Immerse yourself in the word of God for it is our councilor, our life line, our guide.

**Galatians 6:2** Look to help others in the church, in their homes, in the mission field, always others.