

Jesus Is Lord

Have you noticed that some people have titles before their names? You call the person who does your health checkup “Doctor.” The men and women who drive police cars and help us are called “Officers.” The top firefighter is called “Chief.” The person in charge of the army is called “General.” The person who leads your church may be called “Pastor.”

All those titles are special and tell us what that person does. But their titles are not their names.

Your doctor has a first name, such as Anne, and a last name, such as Williams. But when you see the doctor in her office, you might call her Doctor Williams. The title “Doctor” tells you about her job. She helps care for your body and keep it strong and healthy.

When I grow up,
I want to be ...



The police officer has a first name; it might be Todd. And he has a last name, such as Rodriguez. When you see him on the street, you might call him Officer Rodriguez. “Officer” tells us what he does at work. He protects you and helps keep you safe.

Jesus has a name that is a special title too. His name is Jesus, and His title is Lord. He is called Lord Jesus.

The name *Lord* tells us that Jesus has a special job. The title means He is in total control of all things. He is the master, the creator, the healer, and the forgiver. Because He is master, He can calm the roaring seas. Because He is Lord and Savior, He can calm the storms that rage in our hearts too.

In the Old Testament, God has a name and title too. His name is *Yahweh*, and His title is *Adonai*, which means Lord. When the Old Testament talks about Yahweh, it is written *LORD* with all the letters capitalized. And when the Old Testament talks about the title of God, it is written *Lord*, with only the first letter capitalized. Sometimes, God’s name and God’s title are in the same verse, like Psalm 8:1.



It says, "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" The most important title for God in the Old Testament is *Lord*.

When you call Jesus Christ "Lord," you are saying He is God. This is important because only God can forgive sins.



Jesus didn't one day become Lord. He has always been Lord. Before He came to earth, He was Lord. And on the day He was born in Bethlehem, He was Lord. When the angels lit up the skies and appeared to the shepherds on the glorious night of Jesus' birth, they announced, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). And just like the angels worshipped

Jesus the Lord, God wants everyone to worship Jesus as Lord. The Bible tells us that all people who say with their mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead will be saved (Romans 10:9).

Like with doctors and police officers, Jesus' title also tells us about His job, except His job was a really big one. The Lord Jesus took all our sin and brokenness on Himself when He went to the cross. Our Lord Jesus died the death we deserved. And the Lord Jesus showed us why He deserves to be called Lord: He defeated death by rising from the grave.

Dear Lord Jesus,

You are in control of all things. Because You are Lord, only You can help my heart love You more every day.

In the days when You were on earth, the biggest ruler of the land wanted to be lord. I know that even now many people and many things want to be the lord of my life and control it. Help me never to allow anyone or anything to take the place of You as Lord of my heart. Help me today to worship only You as Lord.

Please be the Lord of my heart and my hands. Be Lord over everything in my life.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Amen.

**For unto you is born
this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.**

—Luke 2:11

Jesus is called...

Lord Jesus—Mark 16:19

The Lord—Luke 19:31

Lord of the Harvest—Matthew 9:38

Lord of the Sabbath—Luke 6:5

My Lord and My God—John 20:28

He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord—Mark 11:9

Jesus Is the Christ

It's fun to win! Crossing the finish line first in a race is an amazing feeling. Or being the last speller standing at the school spelling bee, or being the fastest swimmer at your neighborhood pool, or winning the Little League championship. When you work hard and get rewarded, it feels very special.

When you win, you get to be called a champion. But did you know there's another kind of champion? A champion can be a person who cares for you, a person who loves you and protects you. If a bully is mean to you, and a friend defends you and tells the bully to stop, that friend is your champion.

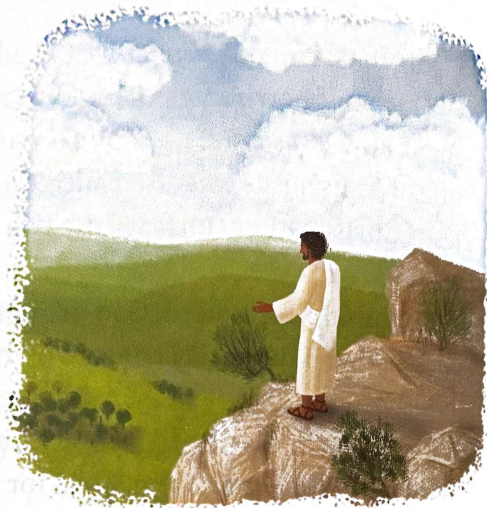


Can you remember what we talked about in the last chapter? We talked about how some people have titles before their names. We talked about how *Jesus* is a name and *Lord* is a title. Let's talk about another title of Jesus. Jesus was also called *Christ*. Sometimes our Lord is called Jesus Christ. Other times we use two titles when we call him our *Lord Jesus Christ*.

In the Old Testament, God promised His chosen people that a Messiah would one day come to deliver them from their sins. In the New Testament, instead of using the title *Messiah* we use the title *Christ*. When we call Jesus by the name *Christ*, we are saying that Jesus is our Messiah, which is another word for champion. It means that God chose Jesus to be the Anointed One who would save us from our sins. We are saying that Jesus is the perfect prophet, the perfect priest, and the perfect king. That's a lot to understand, but just remember we are saying that Jesus is everything!



Let's try to put this all together. Sometimes you might call Jesus, *My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*. That is a supreme name! When you put all of those titles together, you are saying so much! You are saying that Jesus is in control. You are saying He is your Defender and Savior. You are saying He is your Champion. You are declaring that Jesus is your Healer and the One who forgives you. You are announcing He is the Master and Creator who holds the entire universe together. Wow!



Now, here is the really, *really* good news. When you say Jesus is all those things, you are also admitting you don't need to be those things. Sure, you still might want to be a sports champion or a spelling bee champion, but you don't need to be the champion of your family. Jesus already has that job. And you don't need to be the savior. Jesus has that job too! You don't need to worry about filling the job of healing broken hearts and broken families. Jesus is working on that every second of every minute of every hour of every day.

Jesus never stops being the Messiah. He never, not even for one minute, stops being your Champion. He is always your Savior. Your mommy and daddy might have days when they don't have to go to work, but Jesus goes to work every day. He never stops being the Christ.

What is the very best way to show that Jesus is the Christ? Let Him love you. Enjoy all the goodness that your champion, the Lord Jesus Christ, has for you today.

Dear Jesus the Christ,

You are my Champion! I love You. Thank You for being the Messiah who died on the cross to forgive me of my sins.

I know that many people in this world believe You are only a great teacher and a strong leader. Jesus, I want them to believe You are so much more. Please help their hearts to believe that You are the Messiah! You are the Christ who has come to forgive us of our sins and be our Champion.

Help me and my parents to sleep well tonight knowing You are the Champion of our family.

I pray in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**Simon Peter replied,
"You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."
—Matthew 16:16**

Jesus is called...

The Christ—Matthew 26:63, Mark 8:29, John 11:27

Jesus Christ—Mark 1:1, John 1:17

The Christ of God—Luke 9:20

Messiah the Christ—John 1:41