

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

For Paul, "Lord," expressing both Jesus' cosmic majesty and his status as
 master of the believer, is the single best title to express the true significance
 of Jesus. (Douglass Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*)

The Gospel of God

One Key Question

1) _____ Is _____ To _____ ...

And _____ Does It _____ To _____

The _____?

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your
 heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
 (Romans 10:9)

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into
 practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain
 came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against
 that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them
 into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain
 came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against
 that house, and it fell with a great crash. (Matthew 7:24-27)

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of
 heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in
 heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

All passages, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version of the Bible.
 You can download the free YouVersion Bible app that includes the NIV translation at your favorite app store.

June 24 & 25, 2023
 Michael Yearley

The Gospel of God

Kurios

Romans 1:1-7

The Risk

The Gospel of God

The Letter of Romans



The Gospel of God

The Introduction

Romans 1:1-7

The Gospel of God

Kurios

The gospel of God ... regarding His Son ... Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Romans 1:1, 3-4, NIV84)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord
Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

Kurios is Paul's favorite title for Christ (about 230 times in the Pauline corpus); and its close link here "the resurrection of Christ from the dead" reflects the degree to which, for Paul and the first Christians generally, the Lordship of Christ was a result of his resurrection.

(James Dunn, *Word Biblical Commentary Romans 1-8*)

⇒ *The Roman Empire: Caesar Is Lord*

⇒ *The Early Church: Jesus Is Lord*

Psalm 110

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet."

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. (Acts 2:33-36)

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38)

⇒ *The Jewish Scriptures: Yahweh Is Lord*

(The Septuagint – LXX)

Paul uses the title Lord 275 times (out of 718 in the New Testament). This term could be no more than a polite form of address like our "Sir." But it could also be used of the deity one worships. The really significant background, though, is its use in the Greek translation of the Old Testament to render the divine name, Yahweh. Where the Hebrew has this name of God the LXX frequently translates with "Lord." Christians who used this as their Bible would be familiar with the term as equivalent to deity. They were thus taking a significant step when they used it of Jesus.

(Leon Morris, *The Epistle to the Romans*)

Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other. ...
Before me every knee will bow;
by me every tongue will swear.

(Isaiah 45:22-23)