



When Paul tells the Colossian church that “Jesus is Lord,” it would have meant something significant to Hebrews and Greco-Romans. To the Hebrews, this would have conveyed that Jesus is fully God; to the Greco-Romans, this would have been politically subversive, emphasizing Jesus over Caesar. As disciples of Jesus today, we should continually seek to display Jesus as Lord in our own lives.

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**What comes to your mind when you hear “Jesus is Lord?”**

### 1. He reigns in the utmost position

*Phil 2:9 says Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name...in our modern vernacular we would say God has ‘super exalted Him,’ or ‘super imminently exalted Him.’ Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon all remind us that God is the only one who reigns and is Lord. Then we get to Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

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**If Jesus is Lord, what does that mean for other things that have space/significance in our lives?**

### 2. He holds unending power

The word Lord to a Greco-Roman audience described a master or an owner, Jesus is the owner of all things, yet came as a servant. The picture here is of Jesus having absolute power and authority in two main ways:

- He has the power to save. He alone is Lord over sin.
- He alone has the power to rule.

**Col 2:9-10 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.** That is the picture of Jesus.

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**Is Jesus savior AND Lord in your own life? How is that displayed? How is it that we can trust Him as Lord?**

**Philosophy, empty deceit, human tradition, elemental spirits.** This is the “middle of the sandwich”; Paul uses the metaphor of a captive to describe one with a false view of Jesus, because that will lead to slavery in your heart and life. Paul appeals to their shared experience, which is Christ, the risen, living Lord.

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**How does shared experience with other believers strengthen your walk with Jesus?**

### 3. He deserves universal praise

This is a picture from the Old Testament in terms of worship and adoration; you would fall before someone who is worthy of honor, glory, and worship. “Every tongue will confess” literally means to declare openly that Jesus is Lord.

### 4. He fulfills the ultimate purpose of God

God exalted Jesus to bring glory to where it truly belongs; that’s the ultimate purpose for which Christ came to the earth, died on the cross, rose from the grave, and ascended into heaven. But that is not where we stop; we also look forward to the continuing revelation of the Father’s glory in Christ at what will be Jesus’ ultimate return.

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**What do you look forward to in the return of Jesus? How does that hope influence your life with Him as Lord?**