



## Jesus: A Worthy Lord - June 2024

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Though he was God,

he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.

Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;

he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor

and gave him the name above all other names,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

We generally are self-reliant as humans. We do not like to ask for help, and we never want to appear weak. Yet part of entering into a relationship with Jesus is admitting that we are not enough and that we need help. In humbling ourselves before God, it is necessary that we accept Jesus as Lord. Many want the benefits of salvation but are reluctant to truly live with Jesus as their Lord.

Jesus being the Lord of our lives has vast implications for every part of our lives. Jesus asks us to follow his example of loving others, of reaching the lost with the Gospel, and embracing a radical lifestyle that is nonsensical to many in the world.

Accepting Jesus as Lord means trusting that God's plan for your life is better than any plan you can make up for yourself. True peace, comfort, and fulfillment will come abundantly when we place radical trust in a worthy Lord who earns our trust through his example of humble self-sacrifice.

Jesus being Lord means other things are not... We are not the lord of our lives, the government is not lord, and our culture is not lord. Jesus alone is Lord of all.

Questions:

What is the difference between asking Jesus to save you and receiving him as Lord?

What are some of the "competing lords" that we tend to give power in our lives?

Why do we have such trouble with surrender?

How does Jesus' sacrifice prove that he is a worthy Lord?

