

Do you Believe: Jesus is Lord and Messiah?

- **Your life moves in the direction of your strongest beliefs.**
- **What must I believe to follow Jesus?**
- **Acts 2:36 - <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”**
- **Jesus is not just a teacher or miracle worker; he is God in the flesh.**
- **Jesus is the King you need, not the King you want.**
- **I am sorry my sins killed Jesus.**
- **The 4<sup>th</sup> essential belief: Jesus is both Lord and Christ**
- **Philippians 2:9-11 - <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
- **...every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth...**
- **I want to choose to bow before the Great King now.**
- **...every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father**
- **Jesus is King, not you.**
- **God’s kingdom does not depend on your response.**
- **Knowing Jesus is King puts everything in perspective.**
- **“How can they (the Philippians) cling to their little ambitions and persist in their petty quarrels if they confess Jesus Christ as their Lord?” – Frank Stagg.**
- **Jesus is the Lord (God!) and Christ (King)!**
- **Is Jesus in charge of you? Really?**
- **If Jesus is in charge of you, you want to be baptized.**
- **If Jesus is in charge of you, you want to worship.**
- **If Jesus is in charge of you, you want him to grow your character**
- **If Jesus is in charge of you, you want to share.**
- **Is Jesus in charge of you?**
- **"My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All; I again dedicate my whole self to Thee." – David Livingstone**

**Starter:** Please describe the best leader you have known. Why did you choose to follow him/her?

**Dig Deeper:**

1. Read Acts 2:36
2. How do you think Peter felt when he confronted the crowd at Pentecost and told them they had killed their King? How do you think people felt when they heard this?

3. To proclaim Jesus as Lord (God) is a radical step. It is a direct challenge to assertion "Caesar is Lord." Caesar Augustus was the first to proclaim he was "son of a god." In your opinion, do political leaders today aspire to "godship?" As Christ followers are we an increasing threat to government or a decreasing threat to government?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-11
5. Verses 6-8 speak about the humility of Jesus. In your opinion, what is the best way for us to learn humility from Jesus?
6. Verse 9-11 describe a great moment after the Second Coming when every living thing that has ever existed will bow in submission and confess that Jesus is God and the King. How will you feel in that crowd? How will the angels feel? How will the demons feel? How will Satan feel?
7. If Jesus is truly our King and the one in charge, then how should his church behave?