

Introduction

1. Begin with video *I Love You Lord*. ([Show](#))¹ ([Show Title](#))
 - a. If watched closely, saw video start/ended same. *I Love You Lord*.
 - b. In between is what it means to love the Lord. Explanation for this clip is very helpful:
 - c. **Worship is about expressing God's worth. It's about putting ourselves aside and dwelling only on Him. It's about living our lives in a way which reflects how we truly feel about Him. In our worship, in our actions, in our lives, may we all be saying, "I love You, Lord!"**²
2. After Bible says Jesus' enemies dared ask no more questions of Him, Jesus had a question.
 - a. His question went to the heart of this very thing – His true nature as Lord.
 - b. But then, like a skillful teacher, Jesus applies to us what that means.
 - c. When we say *I Love You Lord*, then how does that translate into actions & living?
 - d. ([Show Text](#)) Today Jesus gives us the truth and then the application of the truth.

I. THE TRUTH, vv. 35-37: *JESUS IS LORD*.

A. Apostolic Preaching

1. **JESUS IS LORD** = central truth of our Christian faith.
 - a. Acts 2:36 = theme of the Apostles' preaching in Book of Acts.
 - b. Romans 10:9 = the central confession must make to be saved.
 - c. Philippians 2:11 = the central confession of all history.
 - d. 1 Corinthians 12:3 = the central confession of the Holy Spirit.
2. One truth separates Christianity from all other religions and all false cults.

B. Titles Jesus Uses

1. To set up His question, Jesus uses two titles that were commonly used of Messiah.
 - a. Today **Christ** = proper name. But in Jesus' day = title, **the Christ**, v. 35.
 - b. **CHRIST (GREEK) = MESSIAH (HEBREW) = ANOINTED KING** from oil in coronation ceremony.
 - c. Because desired to teach rather than cause argument, Jesus applied title indirectly.
 - d. How can God's anointed king be the Son of David?
2. **SON OF DAVID**, the 2nd title, was the most common title for the Messiah.
 - a. Found all thru-out the O.T. Crowds called Jesus this.
 - b. 2 genealogies in Matthew/Luke stress that Jesus really came from David's royal line.
3. Problem associated w/these titles. David was a warrior/deliverer.
4. **SON OF DAVID** emphasized a conquering king (Christ) who would bring freedom.
5. ([Show Ezekiel 37:25](#))³ Every Jew looked forward to this Davidic King.

C. Jesus Quotes Psalm 110 ([Show](#))⁴

1. Jesus sought to broaden their understanding of Messiah – and God's kingdom.
 - a. They had a limited view of who Jesus was. He wanted them to see grander view.

¹ <https://www.sermoncentral.com/church-media-preaching-sermons/sermon-video-illustrations/i-love-you-lord-worship-intro-6143-detail?ref=MediaSerps>. Accessed 8/30/17.

² Ibid.

³ http://images.slideplayer.com/13/3941676/slides/slide_22.jpg. Accessed 8/31/17.

⁴ <https://i.ytimg.com/vi/bqiiDPCE5fg/hqdefault.jpg>. Accessed 8/31/17.

- b. Jewish teachers would often point to apparent contradictions in OT & ask for answer.
- c. But Jewish teachers didn't apply Ps.110:1 to Messiah, so never asked this question.⁵
- d. Once again, see that Jesus saw things no one else ever saw. Verse is Messianic.
- e. Ps.110:1 is most quoted/referenced O.T. verse in entire N.T.⁶
2. Jesus' amazing insight can be demonstrated in this diagram. ([3 Characters in Ps.110:1](#))⁷
 - a. There is David, David's Lord, and the LORD. David says *LORD spoke to my Lord*.
 - b. **LORD = YAHWEH**, covenant name for God of Israel = God, the Father.
 - c. **LORD = ADONAI**, a generic word for God emphasizing deity, here = Messiah.
 - d. David says God the Father called the Messiah, David's descendant, Lord.
 - e. Contradiction: How can David's descendent be his Lord? Vv. 1-2 say he is both.
 - f. Solution: He is Son of David. But far more, Son of God. Both. Man & God in one.
3. Interesting to connect this w/vv. 29-30. **LORD IS ONE**. Father = LORD; Messiah = Lord.
 - a. If God is one but two persons are Lord, then we have the foundations of the Trinity.
 - b. Here there are two persons, but one Lord. Jesus will later add the 3rd, the H.S.
4. But something else we dare not miss. Look at the incredible precision of O.T. prophecy.
 - a. Future Messiah would be both man (David's son), and God (David's Lord).
 - b. How can that be true? That person would have to be a God/Man.
 - c. Only person on the planet who ever fit that description was Jesus.
 - d. Bible prophecy points exactly to Him and no one else. Not only trust Him. Trust Bible.
 - e. **I BELIEVE THE BIBLE. I BELIEVE THE BIBLE. I BELIEVE THE BIBLE; IT'S THE WORD OF GOD.**⁸

D. Application

1. Always easy to see the Bible from own viewpoint. See what want, not what should.
 - a. By stressing Messiah's Davidic sonship, Jews turned kingdom of God into earthly rev.
 - b. By stressing His deity, Jesus saying had another purpose – to bring people to God.
2. God's kingdom is spiritual kgdm. To live there need Savior. Jesus = Savior because Lord.
3. Jesus can do a lot of things for you. Primary thing wants to do is save you.

II. **APPLYING THE TRUTH, vv. 38-40: JESUS IS LORD OVER ME.**

A. How Connect with Previous Verses?

1. Scribes probably caught what Jesus said about the Messiah being Lord, but rejected.
 - a. At His trial when Jesus said **I AM THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE BLESSED**, 14:61-62....
 - b. High priest tore his clothes & accused Jesus of blasphemy, deserving death, v. 64.
 - c. Entire Sanhedrin condemned him to death including many of these scribes.
2. When we won't accept that Jesus is Lord, we can't live under that Lordship.
3. What seems unrelated in these vv. are in fact very related. They apply Christ's Lordship.

B. People Under Christ's Lordship Live for God's Glory, vv. 38-40.

⁵ Keener, C. S. (1993). *IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament*, p.169. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

⁶ Grassmick, J. D. (1985). Mark. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, Vol. 2, p. 165.

⁷ <http://adlucem.co/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/ps-110-toon.jpg>. Accessed 8/30/17.

⁸ CEF Press. <https://cefpress.com/I-Believe-the-Bible.html>. Accessed 8/31/17.

1. Scribes were motivated by a love of self-glory.
 - a. **LONG ROBES** = intellectuals/aristocrats wore long robes. Scribes wore white robes.
 - b. **GREETINGS** = white robes only for synagogue, but wore to market to gain attention.
 - c. **BEST SEATS** = synagogue w/bench facing pews. Scribes sat in full view for admired.
 - d. **LONG PRAYERS** = long and flowery prayers to parade their piety & goodness.
 2. Scribes were status-seekers, attention-getters. Sad, because were to lead people to God.
 3. Person living under Lordship of Jesus lives for God's glory, not their own.
 - a. **MOST OF THE TROUBLE IN THE WORLD IS CAUSED BY PEOPLE WANTING TO BE IMPORTANT.**⁹
 - b. Way to gain importance is by position, status, influence – by being somebody.
 - c. But when living for God's glory our focus is not on ourselves, but on Jesus.
 - d. If a person is "important" only because of the uniform he wears, the title he bears, or the office he holds, then his "importance" is artificial. It is *character* that makes a person valuable, and nobody can give you character: you must develop it yourself as you walk with God.¹⁰
 - e. That is what the person living under Christ's lordship is focused on.
 - f. Walking with God and developing Christlike character. Micah 6:8 reveals it. (Show)¹¹
 - g. **HUMBLY = TO BE HUMBLE, BE MODEST, BE LOWLY.**¹² This was Jesus, meek & lowly.
 - h. And it only comes thru a lifetime of walking with Him under His lordship.
- C. People Under Christ's Lordship Serve God's People, v. 40.
1. **DEVOUR WIDOWS' HOUSES.** Scribes could not be paid for their teachings. Supposed work.
 - a. Since some were fulltime teachers they were supported by the gifts of others.
 - b. Took advantage of vulnerable people. Some got widows to give control of finances.
 2. Reminds me of the prayer cloth I received from Rod Parsley.¹³
 - a. If the prayer cloth is so effective, why do you need a donation to make it work?
 - b. This is chicanery. The man who sent this is tricking the very people to be serving.
 - c. What did Jesus say about this? **THEY WILL RECEIVE THE GREATER CONDEMNATION, v. 40.**
 - d. It's a very serious matter to abuse God's people when you are supposed to serve them.
 3. You remember the theme verse of Jesus' entire ministry. (Show Mark 10:45)¹⁴

⁹ Author T. S. Eliot. <http://www.quotes.net/images/8692.png>. Accessed 9/1/17.

¹⁰ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 1, p. 154). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

¹¹ Micah 6:8. http://images.slideplayer.com/28/9338678/slides/slide_11.jpg. Accessed 8/31/17.

¹² Strong, J. (1995). *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*. #6800. Woodside Bible Fellowship.

¹³ Personal Illustrations, Healing, magic cloth.

¹⁴ <https://bessg.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/mark-10-45.png>. Accessed 8/25/17.