9. Jesus is Lord

Could you guess how many names and titles are given to the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible? A resident of the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth, Michigan went through the King James version of the Bible and, would you believe it, came up with one hundred and three names and titles given our blessed Savior! A few of these include: Advocate, Author, Bread of Life, Captain of Salvation, Chief Shepherd, Creator, Dayspring, Elect of God, Forerunner, Governor, Great High Priest, Head of the Church, Immanuel, Judge, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Lamb of God, and eighty-six others. As one ponders this long list of names and titles we begin to understand more fully Who Jesus really is, and that in the Lord Jesus Christ we have everything.

On the south edge of Bloomington, Indiana, there is a silo on which is painted in large letters: JESUS IS LORD. "Jesus" means Savior. An angel of the Lord instructed Joseph, "Do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will SAVE His people from their sins." Matt. 1:20f.

JESUS IS LORD. If we look up the word, "Lord" in a dictionary, it is defined as: one in authority, ruler, the head, supreme, one who has power, one in charge. No question about it, JESUS IS LORD. He Himself declares: "I am THE LORD; that is My name." Isaiah 42:8. Our friend from Frankenmuth lists four different titles in which our Savior is referred to as LORD.

Lord of All - Acts 10:36, 
Lord of Lords - I Tim. 6:15 
Lord of Glory - I Cor. 2:8 

Ponder what the following Scripture passages tell us about the LORD.

- "The LORD is the true God, He is the living God and an everlasting King." Jer. 10:10.
- "LORD, Thou hast been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art, God." Ps. 90:1, 2.
- "LORD, You know all things." John 21:17: The fact that the Lord knows all things is quite a warning for us. We can't get by with anything. He knows and sees all. But at the same time, what wonderful comfort and strength for us! He knows when our hearts ache. He counts the tears that fall on our pillow at night. Nothing is hidden from Him. What is more, He is everywhere present at one and the same time.
- "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD." Jer. 23:24. Furthermore, He says, "I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Lev. 19:2. He is good, kind and desiring our welfare.
- The Psalmist reminds us: "The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works." Ps. 145:9.
- Jesus, Who is LORD is gracious, showing undeserved kindness, forgiving. "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." Ex. 34:6, 7.

JESUS IS LORD which, by the way, was the first Christian Creed. He is LORD of heaven and earth, LORD of the nations. He is supreme. He is in charge. He rules all things in heaven and on earth. He declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18. And He has relinquished none of His power and authority. It's so easy to use that name without giving it much thought and consequently we miss so much, for example, when we pray: "Come LORD Jesus..." "O give thanks unto the LORD for He is..." "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray Thee, LORD..."

With the Psalmist I say, through the power of the Spirit, "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust in Him, and He will act." Psalm 37:3f

Oh, yes, JESUS IS LORD!
Jesus is Lord

We Begin

L: We begin in the name of the Lord, the true God, the everlasting King.

We Search Scriptures - Psalm 90
Leader (L) and Group (G)

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
G: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
L: You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
G: You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning -- though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered. We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
L: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
G: All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years -- or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
L: Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
G: Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
L: Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
G: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.
L: May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
G: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us -- yes, establish the work of our hands.

We Meditate
Follow this outline as the meditation is presented

- Names and titles of Jesus: How many are there in the Bible?
- Jesus is LORD.
  √ Jeremiah 10:10 √ Jeremiah 23:24
  √ Psalm 90:1&2 √ Leviticus 19:2
  √ Malachi 3:6 √ Psalm 145:9
  √ John 21:17 √ Exodus 34:6, 7
- Trust...take delight...commit

We Respond

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
R: Our God is the Lord of Glory.
L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
R: Our God is the Lord of All.
L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
R: Our God is the Lord of Lords.

We Pray

We come to you, dear Lord, because you've invited us to call you "Lord." We have difficulty turning our lives completely over to anyone or anything, but your Lordship requires that kind of submission. Help us to seek your way in our lives and in our work. We pray for the Spirit's power in the name of Jesus. Amen.