

THE KING

Every kingdom has a king. History is filled with all types leaders, many of whom did not care much for their subjects but only had a desire for prestige, power or possessions. Jesus was more interested in people - for he would restore their dignity so they could enjoy life in the kingdom and be joyful worshipers of their King and God. Jesus was the ultimate servant leader who laid down his life for those who did not deserve it. Let's take a closer look at who he is, for we will all stand before him one day to give account of our life.

Eternal Son - The life of Jesus is more than his 33 years on this earth.

He was with the Father before and during the creation of the universe. These thoughts are beyond our human minds to comprehend. To fully define God is to confine him to our limited understanding. At his final meal with his disciples before he went to the cross, he opened his heart fully to them and also revealed his eternal relationship with the Father.

And now Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. - John 17:5 NIV

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. - John 17:24 NIV

Jesus - A common Jewish name which is 'Joshua' in the Hebrew

language. It means 'God is salvation.' Jesus took this common name and made it famous, because he fulfilled its true meaning when he died on the cross to save mankind from its sins. In the Old Testament the priests were anointed with holy oil and kings were called the Anointed of God. Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, a sign of divine choosing, approval and consecration. The anointing is what breaks burdens or yokes off people. History is filled with kings who instead put burdens upon the people, but Jesus was different. He came with the burden removing, yoke destroying good news of the kingdom of God. He was empowered by the Holy Spirit who came upon him. - Luke 3:21,22; 4:13-22, Acts 10:38) What burdens did he remove? (Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:14-22)

Jesus fulfilled many roles while on earth. He was an Apostle, Evangelist, Teacher, Prophet, Pastor/ Shepherd, Disciple maker, Healer, Friend of sinners and Savior. Currently he is Head of the church, Intercessor, Architect / Home Builder, Wedding planner. When he returns he will be revealed as the Judge, Bridegroom and King of kings and Lord of lords.

Lord (Kurios) = **Supreme in authority** This term in the O.T. refers to

God. It is the same term used in reference to Jesus (Philippians 2:11). He is God. In the N.T. Jesus is called Lord 470 x and Savior 16 x. In the book of Acts, Jesus is mentioned as Savior 2x and as Lord 32x. As our Savior, Jesus paid for our sins and opened the door for us to get back to God, but we must also recognize him as Lord of our life and place our dependence on Him.

Vines Dictionary gives the meaning of **Lord**:

- a. Owner Matt.12:8; 20:8, Luke 19:33, Galatians 4:1
- b. Master One to whom service is due on any ground Matt.6:24, 24:50;
Ephesians 6:5 How difficult is it to serve two masters?
- c. King or Emperor Acts 25:26, Rev. 17:14
Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews Matthew 27:11
What is the danger of rejecting the king? Matt. 27:25,
Luke 19:14,27

When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power, on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-10

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