TALK IT OVER

Jesus Christ Is Lord

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Key Verses

Mt 16:13-21

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Summary of the Message

In Caesarea Philippi, a place full of symbols of power and fear, Jesus asked his disciples who they said he was. Peter answered that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. When we recognize Jesus as Lord, fear loses its power, our hope no longer depends on rulers or circumstances, and Jesus builds his church.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. What is the first thing you usually look at or think about when you wake up in the morning?

2. Is there something (news, social media, worries) that easily grabs your attention and steals your peace during the day?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

3. Caesarea Philippi was a place of Roman power and fear (the Cave of Pan, known as the “Gate of Hades”). Why do you think Jesus asked “Who do you say I am?” right there?

4. Why is it not enough to admire Jesus’ teachings or to see him only as a prophet? What changes when we call him Lord?

Start Sharing: Open Heart / Share Stories

5. Who do you say Jesus is? Share a moment when you experienced Jesus as your peace and as “enough.”

6. What tries to be the lord of your life (feelings, ideas, algorithms, opinions)? Which one competes most with Jesus for you?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

7. What is one practical step you can take this week to put Jesus first in your day and to show Christ’s love to someone who thinks differently from you?

Praying

God, our Father. Thank you because Jesus is Lord, the Son of the living God, and he is enough for us. Forgive us for the times we put our hope in people, news, or our own emotions instead of him. Holy Spirit, remind us of the truth and renew our hope, and help us to put Jesus on the throne of our lives every day.

May your church be a sign of your kingdom in the middle of fear and division. Help us to love our enemies, to follow Jesus even when it costs us, and to reveal Christ to the people around us.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer!
- HOP every friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it goes straight to The Way Ministry. Link: https://contribua.pibcuritiba.org.br/produtos/paginaproduto/135