

JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

Luke 1:46-56

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Phil 2:9 διὸ καὶ ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ὑπερύψωσεν καὶ ἐχαρίσατο αὐτῷ τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ὑπὲρ πᾶν ὄνομα, ¹⁰ ἵνα ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ πᾶν γόνυ κάμψῃ ἐπουρανίων καὶ ἐπιγείων καὶ καταχθονίων ¹¹ καὶ πᾶσα γλῶσσα ἐξομολογήσεται ὅτι κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ πατρὸς.

Phil 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heb 1:3 ὃς ὢν ἀπαύγασμα τῆς δόξης καὶ χαρακτήρ τῆς ὑποστάσεως αὐτοῦ, φέρων τε τὰ πάντα τῷ ῥήματι τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ, καθαρισμὸν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ποιησάμενος ἐκάθισεν ἐν δεξιᾷ τῆς μεγαλωσύνης ἐν ὑψηλοῖς

Heb 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

Colossians 1:13 ὃς ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς ἐξουσίας τοῦ σκοτοῦ καὶ μετέστησεν εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ υἱοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης αὐτοῦ, ¹⁴ ἐν ᾧ ἔχομεν τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν. ¹⁵ ὃς ἐστὶν εἰκὼν τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ἀοράτου, πρωτότοκος πάσης κτίσεως, ¹⁶ ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ ἐκτίσθη τὰ πάντα ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὰ ὀρατὰ καὶ τὰ ἀόρατα, εἴτε θρόνοι εἴτε κυριότητες εἴτε ἀρχαὶ εἴτε ἐξουσίαι· τὰ πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἰς αὐτὸν ἐκτισταί· ¹⁷ καὶ αὐτὸς ἐστὶν πρὸ πάντων καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐν αὐτῷ συνέστηκεν, ¹⁸ καὶ αὐτὸς ἐστὶν ἡ κεφαλὴ τοῦ σώματος τῆς ἐκκλησίας· ὃς ἐστὶν ἀρχή, πρωτότοκος ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, ἵνα γένηται ἐν πᾶσιν αὐτὸς πρωτεύων, ¹⁹ ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ εὐδόκησεν πᾶν τὸ πλήρωμα κατοικῆσαι ²⁰ καὶ δι' αὐτοῦ ἀποκαταλλάξαι τὰ πάντα εἰς αὐτόν, εἰρηνοποιήσας διὰ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ σταυροῦ αὐτοῦ, [δι' αὐτοῦ] εἴτε τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς εἴτε τὰ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς.

Colossians 1:13-20 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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0. INTRODUCTION

- MEDITATION: Jesus born ... how do we know him TODAY? → know Jesus better... Phil 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
- Contemporaries knew him step by step under the “names”: (1) Yeshua (man); (2) Christos (position); (3) Kyrios (God)

0.1 WHO IS THIS JESUS?

- slow development of the disciples’ understanding of Jesus’s identity... (eg. storm on the lake...)
- the search for the historical Jesus: the story of the real Jesus hidden in the Gospels under an overlay of theological writing

[CHAMBERS] Very few of us come to realise what is ours through the resurrected Lord, viz., that we can really draw on Him for body, soul and spirit now. We do not trust in a Christ who died and rose again twenty centuries ago; He must be a present Reality, an efficacious power now.

0.2 CONFESSIONS

- Jesus is the CHRIST
- Jesus is LORD
- Jesus Christ is LORD

0.3 WHERE WE CAN ENCOUNTER JESUS

- 2 Cor 5:16 Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer (εἰ καὶ ἐγνώκαμεν κατὰ σάρκα Χριστόν, ἀλλὰ νῦν οὐκέτι γινώσκομεν).
- (1) Logos – the wisdom of God; (2) Savior – the grace of God; (3) King – the judgment of God

1. JESUS – THE SAVIOUR

- Jesus THROUGH THE GOSPEL
- forgive sins; restore relationships; liberate from bondage; heal sickness;

1.1 BEGIN WITH YOUR (REAL) PROBLEM

- Nicodemus (John 3)
- Samaritan woman (John 4)

1.2 BE A DISCIPLE

- John 8:30-32 As he was saying these things, many believed in him. ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

1.3 RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- WWJD?
- → What is the DESIRE the Holy Spirit is giving me in the matter? → Gal 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do

2. JESUS – THE LOGOS

- Jesus through the created reality (“natural theology”)

[*Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*] Logos is the Greek word for “**word, saying, statement, message**” and also has the meanings “**reason**” and “**account** [to be settled].”...Both the logos and wisdom are preexistent with God (Prov 8:22-31; Jn 1:1), engage in creation (Prov 8:30; Wis 7:22; 9:2; Jn 1:3) and are personified (Prov 8:22; Wis 18:15-16; Sir 24:3-22; Jn 1:1-2, 14). Like the logos, wisdom is said to dwell or encamp (kataskēnoō [Prov 8:12; Sir 24:4, 8]; skēnoō [Jn 1:14]) and is characterized by glory (Sir 24:16-17; Jn 1:14).

- Daniel 2:20-22 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²¹ He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²² he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

2.1 ADMINISTRATION (PROVIDENCE)

- politics → the wisdom of leadership
- economy → the wisdom of relating production and consumption (Malthus?)
- justice → the wisdom of ascribing guilt (Solomon)

2.2 SCIENCES

- math → the wisdom of the mind
- physics → the wisdom of tuning
- biology → the wisdom of complexity

2.3 ARTS

- poetry → the talent of emotional expression in words
- music → the gift of emotional expression in tones

3. JESUS – THE COMING KING

- Jesus through THE PROPHECIES
- Heb 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

- Psalm 110:1-2 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." ² The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3.1 THE RESTRAINER

- 2Thes 2:6-9 And you know what is restraining (τὸ κατέχον) him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains (ὁ κατέχων) it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders

3.2 JUDGMENT

- Rev 19:11-16 ¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is THE WORD OF GOD. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

3.3 OBEISSANCE

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- Scientists; Artists; Politicians; Millionaires;...
 - Atheists: Voltaire; Marx; Darwin; Nietzsche; Russell...
 - Tyrants: Nero; Hitler; Lenin; Stalin; Mao; Pol Pot...
 - Warlords: Alexander; Julius Caesar; Genghis Khan; Napoleon...
 - Religious leaders: Zoroaster; Confucius; Buddha; Muhammad; Bahá'u'lláh ...

3.4 REWARDS

- 2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.
- 1Cor 3:14-15 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire
- Luke 12:47-48 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more

3.5 THE NEW COSMOS

- Revelation 20-22
- Revelation 21:1-2 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

4. TO REMEMBER

- Historical knowledge of Jesus is just a starting point for a lifelong process of getting better knowledge of him.
- We must be careful not to confine spiritual life to the so called religious activities.
- Jesus is with you every day (Mt 28) and in everything.