

Taking a Closer Look

What does the Bible say?

Jesus' disciples referred to him as their *Teacher* and *Lord* (John 13.13). While we are familiar with the term *teacher*, 'lord' is not a word we often use in our society. In this study we will examine who Jesus is by looking into his life as lord.

The Lord

Take a look at Luke 5.1-11.

- What was Peter's first act of obedience? (verse 3)
- Why might he have declined Jesus' request? (verses 2-3)
- Why might Peter have been tempted to disobey Jesus' order to "let down the nets"? (verse 5)
- What happened as a result of Peter's obedience? (verses 6-7)
- What did Peter recognize about Jesus as a result of his obedience? (verse 8)
- What did he recognize about himself? (verse 8)
- Why do you think Peter wanted Jesus to "go away" from him? (verses 8-9)
- Based on this story, why do you think Jesus wanted Peter as one of his disciples? (verses 10-11)

Thinking it Through

What does the Bible mean?

Following Jesus as Lord

Look at Luke 6.46.

- What connection is there between obedience and calling Jesus "Lord"?

Check out Matthew 7.21.

- What does this verse teach you about what it really means to have Jesus as lord of your life?

Read Philippians 2.5-12.

- Does Jesus understand the concept of authority? Why or why not? (verses 5-8)
- What reward did God give Jesus for his obedience on the cross? (verses 8-11)
- Because all these things have happened, how should disciples respond? (verse 12)

Read Romans 14.7-9.

- Who don't disciples live for? Who do they live for? (verses 7-8)
- Who do disciples belong to? (verse 8)
- Why did Jesus die and live again? What does this mean for you? (verse 9)
- Why should a disciple understand clearly who he belongs to and who he lives for?

Read 2 Corinthians 5.15.

- According to this verse, why did Jesus "die for all"?
- How does this fit with the idea of Jesus being the Lord?

Making it Count

How do I live what I've learned?

- What impact does Jesus being lord have on your being his disciple? His friend? (John 15.14)
- Are there areas of your life that you have not submitted to Jesus' rule as lord? What would it mean for you to obey him in those areas? Is it worth the change?