

JESUS: MY LORD AND MY GOD

WHAT IT MEANS TO WORSHIP HIM

"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."

~ John 20:28

1. What Men Worship

- a. Worship ~def. Honor given to the most important thing in your life.
- b. Who/what is most worthy of serving with your life? What do you live for? Give life to?
- c. Consider how people show "it matters most" ... signs, banners, posters, profile pictures.
- d. Less superficially: fervor, jealousy, defensiveness, time, care every detail, life modeling
- e. *Self, 'love of your life', family, friends, achievement, words, knowledge, politics, charity*
- f. Worship changes your life – how you think, priorities, what to value, a pattern to follow.

2. Worship of Jesus

- a. Jesus receiving worship as proof that he is worthy of it (lunatic or Lord) - Matt 2:1-2, 11
- b. Angels, shepherds, and Mary pondered his being the Lord - Isa 9:6, Luke 2:11-12, 17-19
- c. Jesus knew that worship belongs only to the Lord thy God - Matt 4:9-10, 8:2-3
- d. Unlike Peter, he received worship – Acts 10:25 vs. Matt 14:30-33, 28:9, 17, Mark 5:6
- e. "Ye worship ye know not what" – how many 'Christians' are the same - John 4:22-24

3. Jesus as Lord and God

- a. The gospel preaching disciples would not believe until they saw - John 20:24-25
- b. "Be not faithless, but believing", his lack of belief hindered his worship - John 20:27
- c. The most remarkable direct statement exhibiting worship: "My Lord and my God."
- d. We have not seen, but have heard & read the evidence - Heb 11:6, Rom 10:17, Ro 5:1
- e. Paul gives worship to the most important → Col 1:13-22, 2:6-12

4. Jesus: Worthy of Worship

- a. Why did he not have a "I am God" campaign? Matt 12:16-20, John 5:31, 8:12-14, 54
- b. He is not just the God of the Hebrews, or another claim to a powerful deity.
- c. He became flesh, tempted, suffered, nailed, lived a short life, died – is this worthy?
- d. Most do not experience the life of their idols (e.g. pleasure, wealth, success, adoration)
- e. Your God was touched with our infirmities - Heb 4:15, Phi 2:6-8
- f. Jesus did not obtain wealth, success, thrones, in this life; rather neglected, betrayed.
- g. Your Lord and your God was neglected, betrayed, suffered, stripped, spit upon, humbly.

5. To Worship Jesus

- a. To worship Jesus is to worship God - 1 Tim 3:16, Titus 2:13
- b. We worship Him by receiving and believing Him as truth - Rom 1:25
- c. We worship God by having no confidence in our flesh, but all confidence in His - Phi 3:3
- d. If Jesus is the most worthy thing, then his life, death, glory matters most.
- e. We live suffering, trouble, pain, infirmity. Our God is one of longsuffering/grace Co 1:11
- f. We worship Him during our suffering, weakness, trouble, pain Ro 5:2-4, 2Co 12:9, Phi 3:11
- g. Thomas saw victory over death, hell, suffering, dark powers. We believe -1Co 15:55-57
- h. He wants us to live and walk in Him by faith, trust, submission, worship. 2 Tim 3:10-11