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WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Bible Study (Nursery Provided) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship (Nursery Provided) 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Youth Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
Bible Study, RA's & GA's 6:30 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)

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FROM THE PASTOR

In his book, The Gospel According to Jesus, John MacArthur aims to defend the true gospel. His entire defense is rooted in the rich teachings of Christ found in the four Gospels. The book was born from a heavily debated topic a few decades ago called the lordship controversy. For many evangelicals, they assumed that one must only trust Jesus Christ as their Savior, and later in their Christian life, they can make Him Lord. John MacArthur quotes a proponent of this position:

"It is imperative to trust Christ as personal Savior and be born again. But this is only the first decision. Acknowledging Jesus as Lord is made by believers...The decision to trust Christ as Savior and then make Him Lord are two separate, distinct decisions."

The result of this inaccurate teaching is dangerous. MacArthur does not waste any paragraph or chapter explaining how this thinking and gospel presentation contradict the teachings of Christ. The looming issue of a mere human having the ability to make Christ Lord is clearly confronted with a different truth in Scripture. MacArthur writes:

"Scripture never speaks of anyone 'making' Christ Lord, except God Himself, who 'has made Him both Lord and Christ' (Acts 2:36). He is Lord of all, and the biblical mandate is not to 'make' Christ Lord, but rather to bow to His lordship."

If we were to call the Apostle Paul to the stand to testify and add to the discussion, look at what he writes of the lordship of Christ in Philippians 2:9-11:

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

Dear Christian, at the point of your salvation, you trusted Christ not only as Savior but also as Lord. The Bible plainly states:

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved...For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:9-10, 13).

Why does this discussion matter? First, for anyone who would conclude that there are two separate decisions in trusting in Jesus as Savior and then making him Lord at a different moment, stand not opposed to man alone but against God. God has spoken on this matter in Scripture; therefore, Christians must submit to the authority of the Bible on all matters of doctrine. Second, the controversy goes beyond a doctrinal dispute but is a matter of the true gospel and true salvation. John MacArthur summarizes this point:

"He is Lord, and those who refuse Him as Lord cannot use Him as Savior. Everyone who receives Him must surrender to His authority, for to say we receive Christ when in fact we reject His right to reign over us is utter absurdity. It is a futile attempt to hold on to sin with one hand and take Jesus with the other. What kind of salvation is it if we are left in bondage to sin?"

The Gospel According to Jesus reminds the Christian of the great depths of who Christ is as our Savior and Lord. I hope that if you were able to read along with me this spring, you are encouraged and sure of the gospel that Jesus taught. Though controversies are frustrating at times, God can use them to shape and direct His people. A book such as The Gospel According to Jesus is a fine example of this reality.

In Christ,
Josh

FYI: The next book for discussion (July-September) is Life in the Body of Christ: Privileges and Responsibilities in the Local Church by Curtis Thomas.

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**HAPPY
Father's
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**SOCCER
Camp**



Soccer Camp is June 1-4
Register Online, On the
App, or Scan the QR
Code!



Parent-Child
DEDICATIONS

Sunday, June 21
Father's Day
Sign Up Online or On the App!

Parents
NIGHT OUT



Friday, June 26
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**CHURCH
WORK DAY**



SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Men & Women's Bible Study



Royal Ambassadors
&
Girls in Action

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**YOUTH
BIBLE STUDY**

FOOD · FUN · FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 17 - JULY 29
WEDNESDAYS @ 3:00

June

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Soccer Camp Summer Reading Program Begins	2 Soccer Camp	3 Soccer Camp	4 Soccer Camp	5	6
7 Evening Service	8	9	10 Bible Study, RA's & GA's	11	12	13
14 Evening Service	15	16	17 Youth Bible Study Bible Study, RA's & GA's	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Parent - Child Dedications	22	23	24 Youth Bible Study Bible Study, RA's & GA's	25	26 Parents Night Out	27 Church Work Day
28 Evening Service - Business Meeting, Corporate Prayer, Open Gym	29	30				