

Week 5

Jesus as Lord of the Church

The famous saying of who Peter is (the rock) also contains the very nature of the one who has the authority to change Peter's name. In Matthew 16 we read these words "...and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Here we find Jesus claiming to be Lord of the church for all time and for all places.

Spend a few minutes telling one another what was the most important part of the sermon on this topic for you. What exactly was it that you resonated with? Have you been able to apply any of the message to your life?

Read Matthew 21:1-17.

What does this tell you about Jesus Lordship?

Where did Jesus authority come from to do these things

Who noticed his Lordship and who rejected it?

In what way is Jesus acknowledged as Lord?

Read the parable of the Wedding Banquet (22:1-14).

- How does this apply to Jesus as Lord of the church?
- What other thoughts does this spark off for you in keeping with our topic?

Read Mathew 28:16-20

What does this say about the finality of Jesus Lordship?

Consider all the above, what does it mean to you?

How does it change your behaviour now? How should it?

Discuss how you see Jesus honoured as Lord of our church

What could we do today to acknowledge Jesus even more as Lord of our church?

Spend some time in prayer for each other and those who are suffering in the world because they acknowledge Jesus as Lord.

Romans 10: 9 ... If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.