

Call Me by Name
Adonai- My Lord
Sunday, March 19th, 2023

Matthew 7: 21-27 NIV

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ ²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

1. **Can Jesus be LORD and Not Also Master?** Is Jesus Lord over your life? Is there resistance to seeing Him as master? Could that be good?
2. **Adonai Denotes Relationship.** Do you *know* Jesus as your Lord? How has this blessed you? How could a relationship bless you?
3. **Adonai Evokes Obedience.** Where in your life could you trust your Lord more and follow what He is asking of you?

Conclusion: When we call upon Jesus as Lord, let us also honor Him as LORD, for that is who He is. Let us trust and submit to His leading as Adonai, our Lord who cares for us and loves us beyond measure.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of March 19-March 25, 2023

Ice Breaker: When someone calls another their master, what are they professing about their relationship? Is this always bad?

Read Matthew 7: 21-27.

1. What truth does Jesus reveal? (v.21) What is he looking for?
2. What is Jesus addressing in vs. 22-23?
3. How might you see this same behavior today?
4. What is missing when Jesus says, “I never knew you!” (v.23)
5. Read John 17:3. What is the essence of eternal life?
6. How important is relationship with God? The Trinity? Are we to be in relationship with each Godhead person?
7. Can you call Jesus Adonai, *my Lord*, apart from a relationship?
8. What causes people to remain standing in life’s storms? (v.25)
9. What causes people to fall and their life to crumble? (v.26)
10. What gives us a solid foundation to build our lives upon? What creates sinking sand? How important is trusting obedience?
11. If you call Jesus Lord, what are you professing?
12. How would someone respond to a King? To their Master?
13. Read Malachi 1:6. What does God command? Is Jesus worthy of this same honor and respect? Is He one with God?
14. Do we give Jesus the same honor and respect? Why or why not?
15. Read Exodus 14: 10-14. NASB, Notice the different capitalization for LORD and Lord. What does each mean? How is Moses addressing God? How is God responding?
16. Why was Moses resisting God’s command? What was upsetting to God? How does this interaction relate to our walk with Christ and what Jesus was saying in Matthew 7?
17. If He is LORD, do we trust Him as *our Lord*? Why or why not?
18. Read Matthew 11:28-29, John 15: 9-11. What blessings do we find in relationship with Adonai?
19. Read Isaiah 6:1, 8. What is the question? Who is asking?
20. Read John 13: 13-16. What does Adonai call us to do?

Point to ponder: Let us practice calling Jesus Adonai, my Lord, and as we use that name, let us remember all the power He holds as LORD and give Him proper honor as Lord over our lives. He is worthy of our absolute trust and faithful obedience to follow as He leads us into the Promised Land.