

**AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,  
WEEK #3— APOSTLES' CREED**

Matthew 16:13-16

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

This section of the creed gives Jesus three titles:

“the Christ,” the “Son of God,” and “Lord.”

**SYMMETRY:**

Jesus is King over all things—He is absolute in power.

**JESUS IS UNIQUE IN HIS SONSHIP**

1. He is co-eternal with God the Father.
2. He walks in a distinct authority.
3. He is a part of the Godhead.

When Jesus is called Lord, He is called the Savior of the world.

**Clarity:**

We can do nothing to stop Jesus.

**Counsel:**

If we could understand how weak and impossible our situation is we would grow in reverence for the kingship of Jesus Christ. And yet, in His kingly domain which extends over everything, He uses His authority to save, to rescue, and to woo us. He is a tender King, not a tyrant.

**Counsel:**

As Almighty Lord and merciful Savior, Jesus is worthy. He is worthy of all that we are and all that we have.

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### **DISCUSSION/REFLECTION GUIDE**

What do other students at your school, on your team, or in your neighborhood say about Jesus? How do they view Him?

How does what people say about Jesus compare with who He truly is? How can we know what Jesus is actually like?

Why is it important to recognize and confess Jesus as Christ (Savior), God's only Son, and Lord (King)?

Why is it common in our culture to claim Jesus as Savior without submitting to Him as King?

If Jesus is who He says He is, we cannot be indifferent to that claim. Why can't we remain indifferent to Jesus? What are the consequences for doing so?

Sin is rebellion against God. What has God done for rebellious sinners like us? What makes the gospel such good news? How does it unite us as Christians?

How does living according to God's design bring joy? What is one way you will submit to Christ as your Lord this week?

What's your biggest takeaway in response to the teaching on "And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord"?

*"He will essentially say to the sheep, "Come with me into my heaven." He will say to the goats in effect, "Go into a hell of everlasting torment." The judgment of Christ initiates a dual eternal destiny. All will inherit eternal life. Yet those who placed their faith in Christ will enter an eternal life of rest and joy. Those who did not come to the Savior will spend an eternity in the torment of hell. Both realities carry with them eternal sentences. It is vital that Christians read this creed as detailing both the joys of heaven and the dread of hell. Both are coming in that day of Christ."*

— R. Albert Mohler Jr., *The Apostles' Creed: Discovering Authentic Christianity in an Age of Counterfeits*