Day 17 Lord

*Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. Acts 2:36*

In many schools (where I come from), male teachers are called ‘sir’. This is a way of showing respect as well as being a quick way of talking to them. ‘Yes sir’ is much quicker than replying to your teacher with ‘yes Mr. Heatherington-Glaudoberman-Jones’!

Some people are ‘Sir’ with a capital ’S’. That really means something. The person has been knighted by the Queen of England for some outstanding service. You might have heard of Sir David Attenborough. He got ‘Sir’ added to his name way back in 1985.

In the time of Jesus, ‘lord’ with a small ‘l’ was used a bit like we use ‘sir’ with a small ’s'. Jesus was sometimes called lord with a small ‘l’ when he was teaching people who gathered around him.

Then something dramatic happened. There was a gigantic shift in how Jesus’ followers began to call him Lord. It was now definitely ‘Lord’ with a huge capital ‘L’.

What happened? What caused this gigantic shift to take place?

It was Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Jesus is Lord of all.

His followers recognized that Jesus was far greater than any teacher. He is the risen Lord who has conquered death and reigns in heaven. He is God the Son himself.

From the time of Jesus’ resurrection, whenever Jesus’ followers call him ‘Lord’, they mean Lord with a very big L.

In fact, the way they called Jesus ‘Lord’ was so big and so unique, that they refused to call anyone else ‘Lord’ in the same way.

It’s still like that today. Whenever we say ‘Jesus is Lord’ we mean that he alone is worthy of our honor and worship. Nothing should ever take his place in our lives.