

Who Art Thou, Lord ?

When Paul recounted his testimony, he asked **who** he heard speaking in the great light from heaven that shone round about him:

Acts 22:8 And I answered, **Who art thou, Lord?**
And he said unto me, **I am Jesus of Nazareth**, whom thou persecutest.

The Lord identified Himself to Saul as Jesus of Nazareth, which is how He had been known for years, including when Saul was persecuting His saints:

Acts 26:9-11 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to **the name of Jesus of Nazareth**.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

Now, let's go back to the **1st Coming of Jesus**

to look at the records about His birth and life on earth.

In Matthew's list of Jesus' genealogy He is called Christ:

Matt 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus**, who is called **Christ**.

Christ is the Greek word --- for the Hebrew word Messiah meaning "the Anointed One." Men who knew the prophetic scriptures concerning Jesus discerned He was King of the Jews:

Matt 2:1,2 Now when **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born **King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Herod intended to kill Jesus. He wanted no threat to his throne.

It was common knowledge that Jesus lived in Nazareth from His childhood until He began His ministry:

Matt 2:19-23 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
 20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.
 21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.
 22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
 23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth:
 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken (**verbal, not necessarily written**) by the prophets,
He shall be called a Nazarene.

When Jesus called His disciples, that is also how they knew Him:

John 1:41,45,46 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found **the Messias**,
 which is, being interpreted, **the Christ**.
 45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, **Jesus of Nazareth**, the son of Joseph.
 46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing **come out of Nazareth?** Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

A spirit of an unclean devil recognized Jesus as the Holy One of God:

Luke 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou **Jesus of Nazareth?** art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; **the Holy One of God**.

After telling folks that He was the living bread come down from heaven and that they had to eat His flesh and drink His blood, lots of people turned on Him. But Peter confessed Who He was with certainty:

John 6:66-69 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And **we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.**

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem shortly before His death, a very great multitude cheered Him as the Son of David. They knew Jesus as 'the' prophet of Nazareth:

Matt 21:9-11 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to **the Son of David**: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is **Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.**

At Jesus' death, Pilate wrote a note above His cross, as Jesus of Nazareth:

John 19:19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

John wrote his gospel to convince his readers **Who** Jesus was:

John 20:31 But these (signs) are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

After His resurrection and return to heaven, Peter healed people by

His name adding the word 'Christ' after Jesus' name:

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In **the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth** rise up and walk.

When Peter went to Jerusalem, the Jews contended with him for eating with the Gentiles. Peter told them how the Holy Ghost fell on the Gentiles, as

He did on them at the beginning. There Peter used the full title for Jesus:

Acts 11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on **the Lord Jesus Christ**; what was I, that I could withstand God?

Right after his experience on the Damascus Road Saul preached to the Jews in Damascus just a few days after he got there:

Acts 9:18-22 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul **certain days** with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway **he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.**

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, **proving that this is very Christ.**

God changed Saul's name to Paul in Acts 13:9.

Paul removed a spirit of divination from a damsel by Jesus' name:

Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in **the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Paul and Silas told the Philippian jailer:

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Paul proved to the Jews that the same Jesus who was crucified and raised is Christ:

Acts 17:1-3 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them (**the Jews**), and three

sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that **this Jesus**, whom I preach unto you, **is Christ**.

Paul constantly tried to convince the Jews that Jesus was Christ:

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and **testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ**.

One day, every person will acknowledge Jesus Christ for **Who He is**:

Phil 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Paul warned of being deceived by someone preaching another Jesus:

2 Cor 11:3,4 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Here is an example of the words being switched around in the same verse:

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of **Jesus Christ**,
to all the saints in **Christ Jesus**
which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

There is only 1 true God, the Father and only 1 true Christ, Jesus:

1 Cor 8:6 But to us there is but
one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him;
and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Hebrews makes the same connection with Jesus and all things:

Heb 2:9,10 But we see **Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Is not the Same Person called several different names?

- Jesus
- Jesus Christ
- Lord Jesus
- Christ
- Jesus of Nazareth
- the/our Lord Jesus Christ
- Jesus Christ the/our Lord
- Christ Jesus

.... Yes, He is:

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same

- yesterday,
- and to day,
- and for ever.

Peter also guaranteed Israel that the Very Exact Person they killed

was the One that God exalted:

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made **that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

When Jesus was raptured, the angels promised His disciples that the same Jesus that left will be the same Jesus that comes back again, and that He'll return in the same way, coming back through the clouds:

Acts 1:9-11 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.**

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go** into heaven.

We already saw scriptures about His 1st coming and ministry on earth.

So now let's look at the verses that tell

of the **2nd Coming of Jesus.**

When Christ returns from heaven He is coming as the Saviour,

the Lord Jesus Christ:

Phil 3:20,21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for **the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

In the next verse, we wait for God's Son from heaven, simply called Jesus:

1 Thess 1:10 And to wait for **his Son** from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even **Jesus**, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Paul used Jesus' complete personal status as our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Thess 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.**

Usually, the name 'God' refers to the Father. Here in the same epistle, again writing of Jesus' 2nd coming, Paul just terms Jesus as the Lord:

1 Thess 4:14-17 For if we believe that **Jesus** died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in **Jesus** will **God** bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of **the Lord**, that we which are alive and remain unto **the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For **the Lord himself** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of **God:** and the dead in **Christ** shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet **the Lord** in the air: and so shall we ever be with **the Lord.**

Next, Paul goes back to the name our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Thess 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless **unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In his 2nd letter to the saints at Thessalonica, Paul used 2 names for Jesus in the same sentence in the context of His 2nd coming:

2 Thess 1:7,8 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the **Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven** with his mighty angels,
8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of **our Lord Jesus Christ**:

The next chapter is on the same subject:

2 Thess 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and by our gathering together unto him,

To the saints at Colosse about Jesus' appearing, Paul calls Jesus only Christ:

Col 3:4 When **Christ**, who is our life, **shall appear**, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

To Timothy at Jesus' return, Paul wrote a few additional titles that are the same way Jesus is named in Rev 17:14 and Rev 19:16:

1 Tim 6:14,15 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until **the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**:
15 Which in his times he shall shew,
who is **the blessed and only Potentate,**
the King of kings,
and **Lord of lords**;

In Paul's 2nd epistle to Timothy, he wrote again of Jesus' appearing:

2 Tim 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God (that is, the Father), and the **Lord Jesus Christ**, who shall judge the quick and the dead **at his appearing** and his kingdom;

Paul wrote to Titus about the same event when Jesus appears:

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and **the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**;

The epistle to the Hebrews, as did Paul in Col 3:4, calls Jesus

Christ at His 2nd appearing:

Heb 9:28 So **Christ** was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall **he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation.

Peter wrote to the scattered Jews about Jesus' 2nd appearing:

1 Pet 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory **at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

The verse just before the very last verse in the Bible

concerning the 2nd coming of the Lord, John called Him Lord Jesus.

Then he called Him our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rev 22:20,21 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, **Lord Jesus.**

21 The grace of **our Lord Jesus Christ** be with you all. Amen.

In closing,

I do not personally see any reason why the **names and/or titles,**

nor the **order** of the names and/or titles,

would not be inter-changable.

So I will leave them as the Holy Spirit wrote them,

and at this point in my understanding

I confess to 'not understanding' any particular difference in their usage.

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"