

"Who Gets the Final Word?"  
(John 1:10-12)

- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S WORD ON ALL OF LIFE - Jo 1:1-2
  - He is creation's Lord - the Resurrection declares Him so
    - Acts 2:22-24,36
  - We do not "make" Jesus Christ Lord - He already is!
  
- JESUS CHRIST THE LORD COMES TO US WITH AN INVITATION TO LIVE IN A NEW REALITY
  - The kingdom of God = wherever the King reigns - Matt 6:33
  - The ongoing question: "Will you give Me the final word?"
  
- WE DO NOT ALWAYS WELCOME THE INVITATION - Jo 1:10-12
  - Sometimes we want to be our own god - Matt 2:3
  - Sometimes we are too busy to make room for Him - Lk 2:7
  - Sometimes we personally refuse to give Him the final word
    - Matt 19:21-22
  
- WE WELCOME HIM AND CONFESS HIM AS LORD BY...
  - ...Receiving the Person Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord - Jo 1:12; 3:16
  - ...Greeting Him as Lord of Every Moment - Acts 4:24-30
    - every life event is God knocking on the door of our hearts - Rev 3:20
  - ...Giving Him Our Body and All It Contains as a Gift - Ro 11:33-12:2
    - a non-selective readiness to hear and obey
    - humility: bowing before one will
  - ...Granting Him His Desire to Love Others Through Us - Jo 13:34-35
    - Christ possessed ones are to become Christ expressed ones - Phil 2:12-13
    - To give Christ the final word is to give Love the final word - I Jo 4:8