

**Sermon Series: "Names of the Passion" — Lord of Life Lutheran, Westfield, IN – 3/16/2008**

**Title:** "Lord of All"

**Text:** **Philippians 2: 5-11**

**Intro.:** *Ills. Guardian movie clip: laying down one's life*

**Theme:** Jesus does not have his life taken from him but rather lays down his life in order that he may take it up, again, to demonstrate that he can be my Lord 'of all.'

*The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." John 10:17-18*

**Jesus is Lord God in every way (Print Phil 2: 5-6)**

- He is Lord because of his names and attributes
  1. *"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23*
  2. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made . . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory as the one and only begotten of the Father. John 1: 1-3, 14*
- He is Lord because of his words and actions
  1. His teaching and miracles
    - a. *But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . . "Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." And the man got up and went home. Matthew 9:6-7*
  2. His death and resurrection
    - a. *"Truly, this was the Son of God." Mark 15: 39*
    - b. *Jesus Christ our Lord was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:4*
- He had every right to play his **God card** with us but he doesn't
  1. Exerts his power to defer his right —sets it all aside and submitted his agenda, will, honor to die for you and me
  2. Humbled and thank-filled by Jesus' humble example

**Lord of the rogues and scallywags (Print Phil 2: 7-8)**

- **Ills. The King who became a rogue**
- Becoming one of us so that he could defeat our sin on our level and change us from the inside out
  1. *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*
  2. **Ills. God Suffered as You Suffer**
- Becoming one of us so that he could die our death
  1. Did not just die a death in a warm fuzzy moment but died the death of the worst of criminals
  2. *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 1 Tim. 1:15-16*

**Lord of All (Print Phil 2: 9-10)**

- Raised to Lordship of all by the Father
  1. *God placed all things under Christ's feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Ephesians. 1:22-23*
  2. That is why Jesus can say, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Matt 28: 18*
  3. Do you believe that Jesus by his death and resurrection has proven to be in control of all things for your

benefit?

4. Will you confess it in your life actions/attitudes? – your salvation depends on it “*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom 10:9*

· Crucified and raised to be my Lord

1. **Ills.: Pluto loses it's planet's status — whose problem is it?**

2. *Have this way of thinking within you which was also in Christ Jesus. Vs. 5*

3. Are you and I ready to submit to him and let him be Lord of me?

### **Laying down ones life**

*The Guardian* depicts the heroic and sacrificial efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard. Legendary rescue swimmer Ben Randall trains a group of recruits—particularly a high school swim champion with a troubled past—to save those lost and perishing at sea. In this scene, Ben (Kevin Costner) and Jake Fischer (Ashton Kutcher) have just completed a rescue in the Bering Sea near Kodiak, Alaska. A fierce storm rages, and tremendous waves crash violently below them. Both men are attached to a single cable lifting them to a helicopter. Suddenly, the cable begins to snap. Ben takes a moment to assess the situation. He grabs at the cable in order to detach from it and, he hopes, save Jake's life. Jake asks, "What are you doing? Don't even think about it!" Ben tells him, "It's not gonna hold us both." "Yes it will! Don't! It'll hold!" Ben detaches himself from the cable and falls. Jake lunges out and grabs his hand. He holds on with all his strength, groaning loudly. "I won't let go!" "I know," says Ben. He removes a wrist flap from the gloved hand Jake is holding and falls into the sea. **Elapsed time: DVD scene 11: "Never Let Go"; 02:05:40–02:08:31 The Guardian (Touchstone Pictures, 2006), directed by Andrew Davis**

### **King who became a rogue**

Once upon a time, there was a good and kind king who had a great kingdom with many cities. In one distant city, some people took advantage of the freedom the king gave them and started doing evil. They profited by their evil and began to fear that the king would interfere and throw them in jail. Eventually, these rebels seethed with hatred for the king. They convinced the city that everyone would be better off without the king, and the city declared its independence from the kingdom. But soon, with everyone doing whatever they wanted, disorder reigned in the city. There was violence, hatred, lying, oppression, murder, rape, slavery, and fear. The king thought: What should I do? If I take my army and conquer the city by force, the people will fight against me. I will have to kill so many of them, and the rest will only submit through fear or intimidation, which will make them hate me and all I stand for even more. How does that help them—to be either dead or imprisoned or secretly seething with rage? But if I leave them alone, they'll destroy each other, and it breaks my heart to think of the pain they're causing and experiencing. So the king did something very surprising. He took off his robes and dressed in the rags of a homeless wanderer. Incognito, he entered the city and began living in a vacant lot near a garbage dump. He took up a trade—fixing broken pottery and furniture. Whenever people came to him, his kindness and goodness and fairness and respect were so striking that they would linger just to be in his presence. They would tell him their fears and questions, and ask his advice. He told them that the rebels had fooled them, and that the true king had a better way to live, which he exemplified and taught. One by one, then two by two, and then by the hundreds, people began to have confidence in him and live his way. Their influence spread to others, and the movement grew and grew until the whole city regretted its rebellion and wanted to return to the kingdom again. But, ashamed of their horrible mistake, they were afraid to approach the king, believing he would certainly destroy them for their rebellion. But the king-in-disguise told them the good news: he was himself the king, and he loved them. He held nothing against them, and he welcomed them back into his kingdom, having accomplished by a gentle, subtle presence what never could have been accomplished through brute force. **Brian McLaren, A Generous Orthodoxy**

### **God suffered as you suffered**

Timothy Keller, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, writes: Christianity does not so much offer solutions to the problems of suffering, but rather provides the promise of a God who is completely present with us in suffering. Only Christians believe in a God who says, "Here I am alongside you. I have experienced the same suffering you have. I know what it is like." No other religion even begins to offer that assurance. After the World Trade Center tragedy, many new people began attending Redeemer. The sudden influx of people pressed the question, "What does your God have to offer me at a time like this?" I preached, "Christianity is the only faith that tells you that God lost a child in an act of violent injustice. Christianity is the only religion that tells you, therefore, God suffered as you have suffered." **Tim Keller, "Preaching Amid Pluralism," Leadership (Winter 2002), p 34-35**

### **Pluto Loses Its Planet Status**

Pluto has lost its place among the giants of our solar system. On August 24, 2006, members of the International Astronomical Union voted to strip Pluto of its planetary status, defining it instead as a "dwarf planet." The demotion came as part of a shakeup in the Union's galactic guidelines. In order to qualify as a planet, a heavenly body must now "orbit the sun, be large enough to assume a round shape, and clear the neighborhood around its orbit." The third requirement disqualifies Pluto, which is surrounded by objects of similar size and characteristics. "It's disappointing in a way, and confusing," said Patricia Tombaugh, the 93-year-old widow of Clyde Tombaugh, who first discovered Pluto in 1930. "I don't know just how to handle it. It kind of sounds like I just lost my job." **William J. Kole, "Dinky Pluto Loses Its Status as a Planet," www.news.yahoo.com (8-25-06)**

### **Philip. 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [NIV]