

# In the Hot Seat with Jesus

*Questions Jesus Asked*

## **Why Do You Call Me ‘Lord, Lord’?**

Luke 6:43-49; Matthew 7:21-27

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### **I. Jesus Wants You to Know that Being a Christian is a Lot More than New Vocabulary**

**Luke 6:46**

Jesus is either ‘Lord’ in the sense that you obey Him... and follow Him... and bow to Him... or He’s not your ‘Lord’ at all. Just saying words doesn’t make it so.

### **II. Jesus Wants You to Know that Being a Christian is More than Just Running Around Doing Some New Church Activities**

**Matthew 7:22-23**

You can lead a small group or teach a children’s class and still find yourself in front Christ hearing the words ‘Depart from Me; I never knew you.’ Because God and God alone sees the heart – as to why you do what you do.

### **III. Jesus Wants You to Know that Being a Christian is More than Just Listening to Sermons**

**Luke 6:47-49**

You can load your iPod with sermons and listen day and night; but if it doesn’t lead to life-change and obedience, you’re wasting your time, and you’re still at risk.

- You might just enjoy the sense of being a part of something big that’s drawing a crowd
- Or you might be somebody who just loves to learn... and study... and dig... and debate.

One of the great dangers is learning for the sake of learning... instead of learning for the sake of putting it into practice.

**2 Timothy 3:7** “always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.”

**Acts 17:19-21** “<sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.”

**James 1:22-25** “<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

## **Questions for Reflection**

- Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and not do what I tell you?
- Is your Christianity just words... just activities... just listening to lots of good stuff?
- Or is your life characterized by DOING God’s Word?