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To call Jesus **“God’s only Son”** means that He shares the same essential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the Father.

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The final title given to Jesus relates to you and me. He is **“\_\_\_ Lord.”**

The Greek word is ***kurios***. Its basic meaning is **“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ruler.”** To call Jesus **“Lord”** means that He is sovereign over the entire universe, and He has the \_\_\_\_\_ of sovereign rule over you and me. **Romans 10:9 says 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.”**

That is why the Lordship of Christ matters so much. To call Him **“Lord”** means that we surrender all we have to Him, and we follow Him gladly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He leads, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it costs.

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