



Carols

Week 3: Away in a Manger (December 13 & 14)

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; **11** for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord**. *Revised Standard Version*

“Jesus is Lord” appears 740 times in the New Testament

Lord: kurios, supreme authority, controller

Jesus is a fulltime Lord and He wants fulltime service

When you surrender your life you find your life

Matthew 16:23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, **but merely human concerns**.” *New International Version*

When you surrender your life you find your life

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves** and **take up their cross** and follow me. *New International Version*

Matthew 16:25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, **but whoever loses their life for me will find it**. *New International Version*

The partially surrendered life

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with **some of your heart**, lean on **your own understanding**, **6 in some of your ways**, acknowledge him, and **you can make your own paths straight**. *Partially Surrendered Version*

The partially surrendered life will

- Believe in the Lord but not trust Him with everything
- Believe in the Lord but still do what they want
- Believe in the Lord but refuse to give Him total control

The partially surrendered life doesn't take what Jesus said seriously

Luke 6:46 “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ **when you don’t do what I say?** **47** I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. **48** It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, **it stands firm** because it is well built. **49** But anyone who hears and doesn’t obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against **that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.**” *New Living Translation*

Why we should follow Jesus

- Jesus instructs us to follow Him so He can lead us to freedom
- Jesus instructs us to forgive others so bitterness won’t destroy us
- Jesus instructs us to live pure sexually so we won’t cheapen relationships, destroy intimacy, ruin our marriage, or catch a disease
- Jesus instructs us to pray so God can move on the earth
- Jesus instructs us to read the Bible so we will be full of life
- Jesus instructs us to give so He will be able to bless us above our abilities
- Jesus instructs us to please God above people so that people won’t control our lives

What the fully surrendered life looks like

Romans 14:7 For we don’t live for ourselves or die for ourselves. **8** If we live, **it’s to honor the Lord.** And if we die, **it’s to honor the Lord.** So whether we live or die, **we belong to the Lord.** *New Living Translation*

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6** **Seek his will in all you do,** and he will show you which path to take. *New Living Translation*

The result of Jesus losing His life

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! **9** Therefore **God exalted him to the highest place** and gave him the name that is above every name, *New International Version*