

# Does God Belong To Me?

Scripture: Romans 14: 5-12, Joshua 24: 14-28, Deuteronomy 30: 11-20

Date: April 5, 2020

## **CELEBRATION - CONUNDRUM**

### *TEACHING*

Palm Sunday is a great celebration of Jesus Christ as the King of Kings entering the beginning of His kingdom. Yet the celebration takes a turn during the course of a week with one disciple betraying him and another denying him. The crowd who shouting exaltation were now shouting execution. From praise to punishment.

### *REJECTION*

Where in your life can you praise Jesus for His presence or His power?

Where in your life do you find it difficult to praise Jesus for His presence or His power?

## **CHOICE**

### *TEACHING*

The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A # 1 speaks of the intersection of the bible and life and it speaks of the interaction of God into life. Even in the midst of trials and tribulations of Covid 19, the truths of God remind us that we belong to Him. We belong because of His work through Jesus to forgive us, to free us, to take care of us, to assure us of a future with Him and to empower us to live gratefully for Him here and now.

Throughout the Catechism we see this and yet there remains a question outstanding - Do we desire that God belongs within us? We affirm that God has done all things for us but can we also affirm that God deserves to be Lord over all things within and through us.

Romans 14: 7-10 reminds us that as God has done all these things for us, He is the Lord of the living and the dead. So, whether we live or die – we are the Lord's and all things should reflect this truth. Joshua 24 reminds us that the world contaminates us away from God's will and God's way but we have the choice to choose God's blessings and life. Deuteronomy 30 encourages us that this choice – this answer – isn't so hard that we have to work to get it. In fact, God's grace gives us the answer of life and the process to get this life through Jesus Christ.

### *REJECTION*

Where in your life are there gaps between Jesus' call to be Lord over / in you and culture's call to be lord over / in you?

Where is God calling you to respond to life, prosperity and blessings with Him?