I. What do you say?

Matthew 16:15-16 (NIV)
15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus of Nazareth
   Christ --title
   Lord --personal
   King --authority

Revelation 17:14 (NIV)
. . . he is Lord of lords and King of kings--and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

Deuteronomy 10:17 (NIV)
17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Isaiah 26:13 (NIV)
13 O LORD, our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor.

Isaiah 26:13-14 (NIV)
13 O LORD, our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor. 14 They are now dead, they live no more; those departed spirits do not rise.

Isaiah 63:7 (NIV)
7 I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us--

II. The Jesus Conflict (not new)

John 19:19-22 (NASB)
19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."
20 Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

   Pilate acknowledged Jesus as King, over the objections of others, we should have similar courage

III. Why is Jesus Lord?

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)
5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but
made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.  
8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became 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,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

IV. For Our Benefit!!!

A. Peace
  Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

B. Health
  1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)
24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

C. Righteous
  2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)
21 God made him who had no sin to be sin (offering) for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

D. Brought near to God
  Ephesians 2:13 (NIV)
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

E. Justified
  Romans 5:9 (NIV)
9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

F. God’s Love
  John 3:16 (NIV)
16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Prayer
God, I am a sinner and I need a savior. I believe Jesus of Nazareth is your son. Forgive me of my sins. I forgive all who have sinned against me. Jesus be Lord of my life. I want to serve you, be Lord of all that I am and all that I have. Thank you for accepting me into your Kingdom, in Jesus’ name, amen.