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Let's pick up where Pastor Mark left off last week.

Eleven: "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

Judas: Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Is Jesus a means to an end for you?

Are you following Jesus because being a Christian means you'll get a miracle?

Jesus healed 10 lepers.

"They (10 lepers) raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:13).

Master: ἐπιστάτης (epistates)

A chief; commander; one who wields authority

Peter uses the same word for Jesus. He was close, but not quite there.

"And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not realizing what he was saying" (Luke 9:33).

Peter calls Jesus "epistates"

Jesus, you're like another Elijah, another Moses. And the Bible says Peter had no idea what he was saying. Jesus is not just another authoritative one like Moses and Elijah.

Jesus says one of the lepers came back because he had an epiphany on his way to the high priest.

"Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice" (Luke 17:15).

This former leper finally realized who Jesus was—not just another authoritative figure, not just another prophet or great leader, not just a miracle worker, but GOD, the King of the Universe.

For some, we come to Jesus because He has the authority to heal, to bless, to enrich us, to set us free from our hurts, hang-ups, and habits, but He is not LORD. We think He is a Master Jedi with powers. And we want Him to bless us, to set us free. Maybe we want the power too. We want the blessings of the Kingdom, but we still want to keep the crown.

Habakkuk was totally different, and this is where we want to get: