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"And Simon answering said unto Him, **Master**, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." (Luke 5:1-5-11)

"But as they sailed he (Jesus) fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, **Master, Master**, we are perishing. Then He arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm. And He said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, 'What manner of Man is this! for He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him.'" (Luke 8:22-25)

But Peter and they who were with Him were heavy with sleep, and when they were awakened, they saw His glory, and the two men that stood with Him. And it came to pass, as they departed from Him, Peter said unto Jesus, '**Master**, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah:' not knowing what he said." (Luke 9:28-33-36)

"And it came to pass, as He went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, **Master**, have mercy on us. And when He saw them, He said unto them, 'Go show yourselves unto the priests.' And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed." (Luke 17:11-13-19)

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in destructive heresies, even denying the **Master** who bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." (2Peter 2:1-27)

"For there are certain men who have crept in unnoticed, who were long ago ordained for this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying our only **Master** and Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 1:4-23)

1. Master: From the Greek word **epistates** which means: a Master - in the sense of any sort of a superintendent or overseer; the standing-master-in-charge, a teacher in charge. a chief, a commander. Used as a supreme title of authority for Jesus. (used in Luke 5:5; 8:23-25; 9:32-33; 17:11-14; and elsewhere)

2. Master: From the Greek word **despotes** which means: a Master, implying someone who has unrestricted power and absolute domination, and jurisdiction, with no limitations or restraints. Also sometimes translated 'Lord' in some places. Also used as a supreme title of authority for Jesus. (use in 2Peter 2:1; Jude 1:4; and elsewhere)

These 'two' **Master** titles, of Jesus, each with their own distinct meaning, were use by people within various contexts; and are titles of Jesus of the same high standing and respect as the title **Lord** (Kyrios).

When Simon Peter said, "**Master**, we have toiled all the night, and have caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net," he was clearly using this title with much respect, and faith in His word, that perhaps he could, by the word of his Masters authority, indeed pull up a catch of fish! And so it did happen!

When the desperate disciples of Jesus cried out saying, "**Master, Master**, we are perishing," they used this title in the midst of their own lack of faith. And their double use of this title showed how great was their respect, and ultimate dependance on their Lord and Master Jesus for deliverance from the storm. And yet, they were still astonished that Jesus was Master even over the raging wind and waves of the sea!

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And again:

When the ten lepers cried out to Jesus saying, "**Master**, have mercy on us," they were clearly using this title with much respect, and faith, that Jesus could, by the word of His authority, indeed heal them! And so it did happen!

Later, on the mountain, when Peter said unto Jesus, "**Master**, it is good for us to be here," he was using this title for Jesus with great respect in the midst of his extreme awe, and awkwardness, at seeing Moses and Elijah, and the appearance of Jesus transfigured!

Many years later, Peter, and Jude also, warned the followers of Jesus to be on guard against false prophets and false teachers, who through their destructive heresies were denying the **Master** Jesus. In doing so they were denying the Lordship of Christ Jesus, and they were denying Jesus as Master over their lives. Also, they were denying their own access into the the Kingdom of the very One who 'bought' them with the price of His death on the cross! But our Master Jesus will prevail. Consider this final passage:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O **Master (despotes)**, Holy and True, will You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little longer, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled. And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of His wrath has come; and who shall be able to stand?'" (revelation 6:9-17)

Jesus will prevail over all these false prophets and other wolves in sheep's clothing; and over all unbelievers, because He IS **Master** over all people, and over all things, and over all Creation. He is Lord of lords, and He is King of kings!

We will prevail over all the storms of life, because our **Master** Jesus has already prevailed for us! His work for us has been accomplished! Jesus said on the cross: IT IS Finished!!

JESUS is ...

our Master

**He is the only Standing-Master-In-Charge of all people!
As Master He has unrestricted power and
absolute dominion, and jurisdiction
over all things! Even Us!!**

**Thank You Jesus for being my Master, and my Deliverer, and my Hope!
Thank You for being the only Master over the universe!**

All Praise and Glory be Yours forever and ever! Always and always - Amen!!