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Daniel Chapter 9  
“What Will You do With Jesus?”

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If you were the God of the Universe and you wanted to reveal yourself to the people that you created, so that that they could know who you are, how would you accomplish this?

**Perhaps you would call 40 faithful men to write a compilation of 66 books, writing over a 1,500 year period of time, revealing your love, your law, and your will for their lives.**

That would be great, but just how would those who read this compilation of Books know for sure that these words were from the Creator and could be trusted?

[Isaiah 46:9-10](#)

Remember the former things of old, **For I am God**, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,

**10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done.**

In this verse written by Isaiah, the Lord declares that the way that we can know whether or not this Book called “**The Bible**” is reliable and is the Word of God, is by testing the things that God is reported to have said in the book.


He said in Isaiah: That He has the ability to “***Declare the end from the beginning***”, this means, predicting what is doing to happen in history, before it actually happens.. We call this predicting of future events: “**Prophecy**”

Prophecy is defined in modern terms as follows:

1. A prediction of a future event that reveals the will of a deity
2. A prediction that something will occur in the future
3. The ability to predict the future when inspired by a deity

**Now if I told you that today a man was going to ride into Winslow on a donkey and that the people of Winslow would cast palm branches before him and proclaim Him as the Savior of the World, you could test that prediction...**

If it happened the way that I said that it would, then you would know that my future predictions could also be trusted.

 **And you might say**, well not so fast pastor Rob, we wouldn't necessarily trust all your future predictions, we might want to let a few more predictions pass and see if they

came true before we put all our trust in you.

- ☞ **Okay, that is reasonable**, how about if I make 3,500 predictions and 2,500 of them come true exactly as I said they would..

**Would you trust me then? Of course, you would be foolish to not trust someone with that kind of record.**

This is the claim that God makes in the Bible, That He is the Only eternal living God and that He has proven through fulfilled prophecy, that His word is true and can be relied upon.

- ☞ **If you think carefully about this**, you will realize that there is really no other way that God could prove to us that He is God, except by displaying his knowledge over future events.
- ☞ **I have had other pastors**, some even from Calvary Chapel tell me that they do not think that we should spend a lot of time teaching the people about the prophetic events of the Bible.
- ☞ **I am always stunned and amazed** by those statements because this is the very reason that the Bible was written:

*“That we might know that the Bible is true and that it is accurate and trustworthy ...”*

- ☞ **The only way we can test** whether the Bible is true, is by evaluating the massive amount of predictive prophecy in the Bible to see if what was said actually happened.
- ☞ **When we do** examine the Bible carefully, we find that it has a 100 percent record of accuracy.
- ☞ **Of the 3,500 prophecies** of the bible, more than 2,500 have already been fulfilled.
- ☞ **The other 1,000** or so, are events that are said to be in the near future.
- ☞ **It is reasonable** that of the first 3,500 came true, then the last 1,000 will also come to pass exactly as the Lord said they would, **Right?**

Before time ever existed, before the heavens or the earth were created, in the Mind of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, together they conceived a plan to create all of us.

**Because He is God, He knew that the first man, Adam, would fail and that all who came after Adam would also fail to meet the standard of perfection that God demands.**

One of the laws of the Universe that God created, is the law of Gravity, all of us are familiar with how this law works, Gravity is what keeps us fastened to the earth and prevents us from floating off into space.

**Equally important, the Lord also created the laws of Sin and death.**

**[Ezekiel 18:20](#)**

The soul who sins shall die...

The definition of “Sin” is to “*Miss the mark of perfection*”.

In old England, when an Archer would shoot his arrow toward the Bulls eye, if he should miss the Center, He would be called “A sinner”, one who missed his mark.

Pictures of Bull’s-eye

**This idea of missing the mark was later transferred to a definition for failure to keep the laws that God established. When a human being fails to keep the commandments God has ordained, they are called a “Sinner”, they have missed the Bull’s-eye.**

This law of sin states that any human being who fails to keep any of the 10 laws of God, is **guilty of breaking all of the law of God**, and that human being shall die eternally, for there are not 10 separate laws, but One law, with 10 parts.

### **James 2:10**

For whoever shall keep the **whole law**, and yet stumble in **one point**, he is guilty of all.

If you want God to judge you based on the 10 commandments, you must keep all of them...

**Of Course, Since Adam lived on the earth, not a single Human being has ever been able to keep all of the law of God, except of course Jesus.**

So, before He ever made us, the Lord knew that this would happen, so Jesus volunteered to come to the earth and become a human being like us, and be the “Second Adam”, who would perfectly meet all of the requirements that God had for us.

**In the Law of God there is a clause that says that if this second Adam (Jesus) can keep the whole law perfectly, and be willing to become the payment for all of our sins, by dying for us, then all those who broke the law under the first Adam, can all have eternal life, if they fully trust in What Jesus has done. (Isn’t that Amazing?)**

### **1 Corinthians 15:22**

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

### **1 Corinthians 15:45**

And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam (Jesus) became a life-giving spirit.

### **1 Corinthians 15:47**

The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

**This is why no other person, no other religion, no other method can save us, except**

**Jesus, because Only Jesus perfectly kept the Law of God, to become this second Adam.**

The amazing thing is that the Bible foretold **the exact day** that this ONE Savior would come to the earth, at a very specific time in History, to offer Himself as a ransom for all of us.

**The Lord determined that He would tell us the exact day that this Savior would come to the earth, and He revealed this exact day through this word of Prophecy.**

Jesus condemned the leaders in Israel because they did not recognize the day of His first coming because they had not read and believed what the scriptures had said:

### **Luke 19:41-44**

41 Now as Jesus drew near, He saw the city of Jerusalem **and wept over it,**

42 saying, **“If you had known,** even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not know the time of your visitation.**

This “Day of visitation” was predicted in the Old Testament Book of Daniel, and this prophecy in Daniel is the key to all other Bible Prophecy and an understanding of the Second Coming of Jesus to the Earth.

**As chapter 9 begins, Daniel has been in Babylon for almost 70 years,**

- ☞ **When Daniel was just a teenager,** he was taken from his family in Jerusalem, back to Babylon, along with thousands of other young men, to serve in the courts of the King of Babylon.
- ☞ **The Prophet Jeremiah** was sent by the Lord to tell Israel that if she did not turn back to the Lord, that Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon was going to come against Jerusalem and destroy the city and take the citizens captive.
- ☞ **Israel did not heed the voice of Jeremiah,** for 40 years as he warned Israel, not a single person repented and turned back to the Lord.
- ☞ **As Daniel chapter 9 begins,** Daniel has been reading his Bible, and he comes to the prophecies in Jeremiah where the Lord predicted Jerusalem’s capture.

### **Jeremiah 25**

1 The word that came **to Jeremiah** concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (which was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

5 They said, **“Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings,** and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers forever and ever.

6 **Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them**, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.'

7 **Yet you have not listened to Me,**" says the LORD, "that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 **Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Because you have not heard My words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, "and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land,** against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and **these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**

Then Daniel read in Jeremiah, that the Lord promised that after the 70 years were complete, He would return the people of Israel back into their own land again:

### **Jeremiah 29:10-13**

10 For thus says the LORD: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon,** I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and **cause you to return to this place.**

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Now think about just this one prophecy for just a moment:

- ⊕ **What would be the odds** that the nation of Babylon would come up against Israel and take them captive for exactly 70 years?
- ⊕ **The Mathematical possibility** for such a thing to actually happen are staggering.
- ⊕ **It is beyond the realm of possibility** that Jeremiah could have known this would happen unless he had help from someone who lived outside of time, and knew that this was going to happen.

**Think about this for a moment...**

- ⊕ **The ability to look ahead** into the future and see future events means that time travel is actually possible.
- ⊕ **We see much evidence** of time travel in the Bible.
- ⊕ **Time is linear**, that is one event happens after another.

**Look at Parade Route Picture and film strip picture...**

- ⊕ **In Eternity**, everything happens all at once, everything just exists, and always will exist.
- ⊕ **In Eternity**, everything that will ever happen, has already happened for God.

- ☞ **The Lord does** seem to have the ability though, to be able to go back at any point of Linear time on the earth, enter it and effect it.
- ☞ **Jesus appears** in various places in the Old Testament, over hundreds of years, as “The Angel of the Lord”
- ☞ To Moses.
- ☞ To Abraham, Jesus said that Abraham saw Jesus.
- ☞ To Hagar
- ☞ To Jacob

So Jeremiah received this amazing information about the future of Israel from The Lord Himself, **because Jesus does not live within the constraints of time**, He lives in eternity, therefore He can see what is going to happen in the future.

**So, Jeremiah writes the future, Daniel reads it, he realizes that the 70 years that the Lord told Jeremiah that Judah would be captive in Babylon are nearly complete.**

### **Daniel 9**

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign **I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.** (Daniel believed this because part of the prophecy had already come true in his lifetime)

3 Then **I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications,** with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And **I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession,** and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 **we** have sinned and committed iniquity, **we** have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face, as *it is* this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

8 “O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 **To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.**

17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; **for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.**

19 **O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act!** Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

20 Now **while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin** and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, **the man Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

As Daniel has read the Word of God, In the book of Jeremiah, he realizes that the 70 years of captivity are just about over, so he begins to pray one of the most incredible intercessory prayers in the Bible.

- ☞ **Daniel begins to repent** for the sins of his whole nation.
- ☞ **He asks the Lord** to forgive them and return His favor upon them once again.
- ☞ **As soon as Daniel begins to pray**, the Lord dispatches Gabriel, one of the chief angels of Heaven, to give a message to Daniel.
- ☞ **This revelation of prophecy** by Gabriel to Daniel, in my opinion, is the probably the most important prophecy in the Bible.
- ☞ **Because all other prophecies** in the Bible center around this one prediction.
- ☞ **Gabriel begins** his words to Daniel:

## **Daniel 9**

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell *you*, for **you are greatly beloved**; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

24 “Seventy weeks are determined (**Literally 70 weeks of years, or 490 years, 70 x 7**)

For your people and for your holy city,  
To finish the transgression,  
To make an end of sins,  
To make reconciliation for iniquity,  
To bring in everlasting righteousness,  
**To seal up vision and prophecy,**  
And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 “Know therefore and understand,  
*That* from the going forth of **the command**  
To restore and build Jerusalem  
**Until Messiah the Prince**, (Until the coming of Jesus)  
*There shall be* **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; (483 years)  
The street shall be built again, and the wall,  
Even in troublesome times.

26 “And after the sixty-two weeks  
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; (Jesus will be killed)  
And the people of the prince who is to come  
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.  
The end of it *shall be* with a flood, (Titus in 70 ad, destroyed the city of Jerusalem)  
And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; (the 70<sup>th</sup> week, the Tribulation Period)  
But in the middle of the week  
He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.  
And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,  
Even until the consummation, which is determined,  
Is poured out on the desolate.”

Daniel chapter 9 describes the entire prophetic time clock for the last days, and it makes it crystal clear that **the purpose of the Tribulation is towards Israel**, because at the beginning of the prophecy, Gabriel says that this is concerning **“Your people and your city”**.

- ☞ Daniel is told that this prophecy contains **70 weeks of years, or a period of 490 years.** (70 X 7 = 490)

**I have often been asked how it is that I know that a “Week” as described here, is actually “7 years?”**

Remember what I taught you before, “If you want to know what something means in the Bible, look for the answer in the Bible”.

**In Genesis chapter 29, Jacob has come to work for Laban his uncle, and he meets Rachel who he falls in love with and wants to marry.**

- ☞ **In those days**, as young man had to pay a “**Dowry**” to the father in law of His future wife to obtain the right to marry her.
- ☞ **A “Dowry” was “Alimony in advance”**, a payment made to the bride’s father in case you do not fulfill your obligations as a husband, and he would leave her, the Wife would have a fund to take care of her support.
- ☞ **Jacob is a poor boy**, so he offers to work for Laban for 7 years in order to pay for the dowry to marry Rachel.
- ☞ **In Genesis 29**, Laban tells Jacob to “*Fulfill Rachel’s Week*”, *by working for her another 7 years.*”

### **Genesis 29:27**

**Fulfill her week**, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another **seven years**.

- ☞ **This is how we know** that 70 weeks of years in Daniel 9 is 490 years (70X 7=490)
- ☞ **Gabriel told Daniel that in these 70 weeks of years all Biblical prophecy will be finished.**
- ☞ **The Prophecy will be in two parts**, first a period of **483 years**, the coming of Jesus, then a final period of **7 years**, to happen in the last days, called the “Tribulation Period”

- ☞ **The Prophecy is specifically given** to the nation of Israel, not Jesus Church, it has absolutely nothing to do with Jesus Church.
- ☞ **This is one of the reasons** that we believe that the church will not be present during the Tribulation period, because the tribulation period is specifically directed at Israel and the Christ Rejecting world, not the church.

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25 “Know therefore and understand,  
That from the going forth of **the command**  
To restore and build Jerusalem  
**Until Messiah the Prince,** (Comes)

There shall be **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (69 WEEKS OF YEARS-483)**

- ☞ **In part one of the prophecy**, Gabriel tells Daniel that Jesus will come exactly **483 years or 173,880 days** after the command is given for the Jews to leave Babylon where they have been in captivity for 70 years, and go back to their own homeland of Israel.
- ☞ **What is “the Command?”** **Encyclopedia Britannica** records that on **March 14, 445 B.C.**, Artaxerxes Longimones Gave this command **for the Jews to return to Jerusalem**, to rebuild the city and, most importantly, **THE TEMPLE.**

If we take the date March 14th, 445 B. C. and add 69 X 7 years, we get the date April 6, 32 A. D.

- ☞ **Sir Robert Anderson** of The Royal Observatory in England, computed that the exact date of this fulfillment should have been on **April 6, 32 A.D..**

Now, the question arises: “Did anything important happen on April 6, 32 A. D.?”

## Matthew 21:1-9

1 Now **when they drew near Jerusalem**, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and **immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her.** Loose them and bring them to Me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “**The Lord has need of them,**’ and immediately he will send them.”

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, **FULFILLMENT OF ZECHARIAH 9:9**

‘Behold, your King is coming to you,  
**Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,  
A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”**

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **THIS WAS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 32 A.D.**

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ **FULFILLMENT OF PSALM 118:26**  
Hosanna in the highest!”

☞ **From History we know** that **April 6, 32 A. D. is the exact date that Jesus rode into Jerusalem** on a young donkey on Palm Sunday and was proclaimed the Messiah.

**March 14, 445 B. C. + 483 years at 360 days per year. (483 X 360 = 173,880 Days)**

<b>Daniel 9 Prophecy</b>	<b>Recorded in History:</b>	<b>483 Years in History</b>	<b>March 14, 445 B.C. + 173,880 Days = April 6, 32 A. D.</b>
69 X 7 = 483 Years	March 14, 445 B. C	173,880 days	Palm Sunday
	Command Given	Based on 360 Days/yr	Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem as Messiah

There have been 69 Weeks so far, the Prophecy of Gabriel to Daniel said that “70 Weeks are determined...” that final week that is still remaining is the **7 year Tribulation period...**

☞ **When Jesus rode into Jerusalem** on April 6<sup>th</sup> 32 A. D., He completed the first 69 weeks.

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*Until Messiah the Prince,*  
*There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;*  
*The street shall be built again, and the wall,*  
*Even in troublesome times.*

26 “And **after the sixty-two weeks**  
**Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself;

**The term “Cut Off”, is an Old Testament Term that means “Killed”, Jesus was crucified...**

**So this morning, “Palm Sunday” is the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem in fulfillment of Gabriel’s prophecy to Daniel.**

In Israel, whenever it was announced that a great King was coming into Jerusalem the people would line the street coming into Jerusalem, laying palm branches along the road, and then waiving palm branches at the king as he arrived.

☞ **If a king was coming to conquer** the city, he would come on a great **Horse**.

☞ **If the king was coming to the city in peace**, he would be riding on a **donkey**.

☞ **John records** that the day that everyone was gathering for the feast of Passover in Jerusalem, the people had heard about Jesus coming to Jerusalem, and so they gathered branches of palm trees and went out at the entrance to Jerusalem to meet Jesus:

### **John 12:12-15**

12 the next day a great multitude that had come to the **Feast of Passover**, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 **took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him**, and cried out: "**Hosanna! 'blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord!' the king of Israel!**"

**This is the day that we know as "Palm Sunday", which coincidentally, is today—the day. It was the day that Jesus announced himself as the Messiah In Jerusalem.**

1. **How did the people know** that Jesus was "*The King of Israel?*"
2. **Why did Jesus pick this day** to announce He was the promised Messiah?

In every other place in the Bible where Jesus was encouraged by his 12 disciples, to tell the world who he was, Jesus always said: "**No, My time has not yet come...**"

### **John 7:3-6**

3 **His brothers therefore said to Him**, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

4 For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, **show Yourself to the world.**"

6 Then Jesus said to them, "**My time has not yet come**

**It was as if Jesus was following some pre determined plan that only He knew about, with the goal of announcing Who He really was, at a specific time.**

If you were a Jew living in Jerusalem, everything in your life centered around the days that the feasts of Israel were to be held.

- ☞ **Every Jewish man** was required to go to Jerusalem for 3 Feasts that happened each year.
- ☞ **The time of year that Jesus rode into Jerusalem**, was during the week long feast of **Passover**.
- ☞ **The streets** of Jerusalem were absolutely packed with as many as **1 million people** during this time.

Because Jesus is God, he had planned before the Earth was made, that this would be the DAY that He would come and make Himself known to the world.

☞ **This is why Jesus held back** over and over during the 3 years he publicly ministered in Israel, from letting Himself be proclaimed as the Messiah.

☞ **Jesus was waiting for this one specific DAY** in all of Human History, to come and be proclaimed as the Messiah, the Savior of the World, **during the Feast of Passover.**

### **Psalms 118:24**

**This is the day** the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Now, many times if we wake up on a particularly beautiful morning, we might look outside and say: *“This is the Day that The Lord Has Made, We will rejoice and be glad in it...”*

- ☞ **And that** would be perfectly appropriate.
- ☞ **But, that was not the reason** that David wrote Psalm 118:24.

Psalm 118:24, was written for **one single day** in all of time and Eternity.

- ☞ **It was written** for the day that the Messiah would come to Jerusalem. (Today)

### **Malachi 3:1**

“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And **the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple,**

- ☞ **No other day in all of history** was to be proclaimed *“This is the Day that the Lord has made...”*

**Only on the day that Messiah came, was Psalm 118:24 to be shouted.**

- ☞ **The People that were shouting** *“This is the Day that the Lord has made”*, knew what they were doing, they believed that Jesus was the One who fulfilled the Prophecies about the Messiah, and that He was the One promised.

The question is: **“Is Jesus the One for You?”**

- ☞ **Have you fully committed** your life to Jesus as Your Lord and Savior?
- ☞ **If not, this same Bible** that claims 100 percent accuracy, also says that unless you commit your life to Jesus Christ, you cannot have eternal life.

What will you do with Jesus?

- ☞ **Will you hail Jesus** today on this Palm Sunday as Your Savior and Lord.
- ☞ **If you already know Jesus as Savior**, will you today on this Palm Sunday proclaim Him once and for all, Lord of ALL of your life?

**COMMUNION...**