



# Senior Bible Study Ministry

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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- Matthew Bridges (1800–1894), was an Anglican who later converted to Catholicism.
- He wrote the original six stanzas in 1851.
- The hymn reflects his deep reverence for the kingship of Jesus Christ.
- Godfrey Thring (1823–1903), an Anglican clergyman, added six additional stanzas to counter some Catholic theology, resulting in a blended version used today.

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

- The hymn is inspired by Revelation 19:12, which describes Jesus wearing many crowns, symbolizing His sovereignty and majesty.

*12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. (Revelation 19:12 ESV)*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.*



# The Lamb on the Throne

Worthy is the Lamb!

Revelation 5:6,11-12



## The Lamb

- The Lamb upon His Throne
  - Jesus, the Lamb, is central to God's throne & plan of salvation.
  - Jesus reigns as the Lamb who was slain for our sins.

*6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

*(Revelation 5:6 ESV)*

## The Lamb

- Heavenly Worship - All creation worships Him with endless praise.

*12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*

*(Revelation 5:12 ESV)*



## The Lamb

- Awake, My Soul - A call for personal worship & gratitude.

*1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and  
forget not all his benefits, (Psalm 103:1-2 ESV)*

## The Lamb

- Matchless King – Jesus' sovereignty is unparalleled.

*15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."*

*(Revelation 11:15 ESV)*

## The Lamb

- Matchless King & Eternal Reign— Jesus’ sovereignty is unparalleled, unending and absolute.

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## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown Him the Lord of love!  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wond'ring eye  
At mysteries so bright.*





## Lord of Love

- Rich Wounds Yet Visible
  - Jesus' wounds remind us of His enduring love.
  - Jesus showed His wounds to Thomas, affirming His sacrifice & resurrection.

*27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." (John 20:27 ESV)*

## Lord of Love

- Glorified Beauty – Jesus' suffering is transformed into glory.

*5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.  
(Isaiah 53:5 ESV)*

## Lord of Love

- Angels Beholding His Glory - Even angels are in awe of Jesus' sacrifice.

*12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. (1 Peter 1:12 ESV)*



## Lord of Love

- Mysteries of Redemption - Redemption is a divine mystery revealed in Jesus.

*26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:26-27 ESV)*

## Lord of Love

- Wondrous Sight

- Jesus' wounds & glory testify to His majesty.
- In Revelation 1:13-16, John describes the glorified Christ in radiant beauty.

*13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow.*

## Lord of Love

*His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. (Revelation 1:13-16 ESV)*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown Him the Lord of life!  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.*

*His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.*



The  
Lord of  
Life



## The Lord of Life

- Triumph Over the Grave – Jesus' resurrection is central to His kingship.

*6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:6 ESV)*

- Victory in the Strife - Jesus victory secures our hope.

*9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. (Romans 6:9 ESV)*

## The Lord of Life

- Singing His Glory - Worship flows from Jesus' resurrection triumph.

*6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! 7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! (Psalm 47:6-7 ESV)*

## The Lord of Life

- Eternal Life - Jesus offers eternal life through His victory.  
*25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26 ESV)*



## The Lord of Life

- Defeating Death - Jesus' life ensures death's defeat.

*54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*(1 Corinthians 15:54-57 ESV)*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n!  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne,  
To Thee be endless praise,  
For Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days  
Adored and magnified.*

# Lord of Heaven



## Lord of Heaven

- Unity with the Father – Jesus' divinity is inseparable from the Father.

*30 I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30 ESV)*

- One with the Spirit
  - The Spirit testifies to Christ and empowers believers (John 16:7-15).
  - The Trinity is central to His reign.

## Lord of Heaven

- Endless Praise - Worship of Jesus continues eternally.

*8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”*  
*(Revelation 4:8 ESV)*

## Lord of Heaven

- Adoration for Sacrifice – In heaven, Jesus is praised for His redemptive work.

*9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
(Revelation 5:9 ESV)*

## Lord of Heaven

- Magnified Through Eternity - Jesus will be exalted forever.

*9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so 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.*

*(Philippians 2:9-11 ESV)*

## Practical Applications

- Begin each day with a song or prayer celebrating Jesus' kingship.
- Reflect on His wounds & how they bring us peace.
- Share the hope of Jesus' triumph over death with others.
- Seek to embody Jesus' love, reflecting the unity of the Trinity.
- Trust Jesus to reign over the circumstances of your life.
- Live each day with expectancy of His eternal reign.



## Discussion Questions

- What aspect of Christ's kingship is most meaningful to you?
- How does reflecting on Christ's wounds deepen your understanding of His love?
- What does it mean to crown Christ the "Lord of Life" in your own life?
- How does the promise of Christ's eternal reign give you hope?



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