

**Text:** John 16:33

1. No one is exempt from trouble.
2. What trouble means.
3. Everybody is familiar with trouble even in America.
4. This message will present circumstantial evidences that Christ is the Master of Circumstances.
5. **Q & A**

**Q#1:** Why is Christ the Master of Circumstances?

**A#1:** Because Christ is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.  
(John 1:1, 3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:3)

The GOOD NEWS is: You and I can be the master of our adversities and life-threatening circumstances when we become totally committed to Christ as our Lord and Master.

**Q#2:** In one word, what is the root cause of the challenging circumstances that could test our faith in Christ as our Lord and Master?

**A#2:** The one word is LOSS.

**Q#3:** How can we deepen our faith in Christ as the Master of Circumstances?

**A#3:** By having a deeper understanding of the circumstantial evidences that Christ is the Master of Circumstances.

## **A. The Evidence from His Birth (Matt. 2:1-2, 9-11)**

1. Christ commanded a star to guide the Maji to come to Bethlehem to worship Him as King. Remember, although Christ was born as a baby, He did not cease to be God.
2. What are symbolized by the gifts of the Maji to Christ (v. 11)?
3. Evidently, Christ was the Master of the Circumstances surrounding His birth, beginning with His miraculous conception and His virgin birth.

## **B. The Evidence from His Death**

1. Christ died on the cross voluntarily for us (John 10:11, 17-18).
2. Christ died on the cross according to God's purpose (Acts 2:23).

**Note:** Evidently, Christ was the Master of the Circumstances surrounding His death on the cross.

## **C. The Evidence from His Burial**

1. Christ demonstrated that He is the Master of death by His resurrection (Matt. 28:1-7)
2. Christ confirmed to Apostle John that He is the Master over death (Rev. 1:8, 17-18).

**Note:** Evidently, Christ was the Master of the Circumstances surrounding His birth, His death, His burial, and His resurrection.

**Conclusion:** Encouraging Reflections

## **TABLETALK**

*(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)*

**Read: John 16:33**

1. What does Christ reassure you in this verse to encourage you?

**Read: John 1:1, 3; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:3**

2. What makes Christ the Master of Circumstances according to these Scriptures?

3. How can we deepen our faith in Christ as the Master of Circumstances?

**Read: Matt. 2:1-2, 9-11**

4. What are the circumstances around Christ's birth that show Him as the Master of Circumstances?

**Read John 10:11, 17-18; Acts 2:23; 1 Cor. 22-24**

5. How do the circumstances around His death show Christ as the Master of Circumstances?

**Read: Matt. 28:1-7; Rev. 1:8, 17-18**

6. What is the major circumstance about Christ that makes Him the Master of Circumstances, according to these Scriptures?

DISCUSSION before PRAYER: How will you encourage yourself and one another from the sermon and this discussion.