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In the Gospel of John, one aspect of Jesus' divinity is his lordship. Paul C.J. Riley examines Jesus' lordship through the use of one Christological title, *kyrios*, a word which can be translated as Lord, master, owner or sir. Because *kyrios* is often used by characters in the narrative, Riley considers it from a narrative perspective. As a result, the first question he examines is how *kyrios* functions. In addition, due to textual variation for some occurrences of *kyrios*, the next question addressed is where *kyrios* is. From a firm narrative and textual foundation, the final question the author asks is what *kyrios* means. The answers to these three questions provide a comprehensive understanding of Jesus' divine lordship in the Gospel of John.

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