

## Names of Jesus lecture notes

### **Philippians 2:6-11 NIV**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV** “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.” These verses speak of the fervent love of Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of hosts, the LORD of Armies. He will fulfill his purposes.

**Colossians 2:14 TPT** He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.

### **Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Acts 1:4-5 TPT** ...Jesus instructed them, “Don’t leave Jerusalem, but wait here until you receive the gift I told you about, the gift the Father has promised. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized you in water, but in a few days from now you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit!”

# Names of Jesus

## DAY ONE

As we have seen over the course of this study God reveals himself to men and women in various ways. There is nothing like a personal experience with the sovereign God of the universe to change a person's heart and focus. This week, we will focus our study on the names of Jesus. Several times in God's word Jesus is referred to in a way that expresses the different aspects of his character and essence. We will look at several (but certainly not all) this week.

What are a few of the names you think of when you hear the name Jesus?

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Fill in the chart below. What did Jesus say of himself?

Verse Reference	I AM...
Matthew 27:43	
Mark 14:61-62 and John 10:36	
John 4:25-26	
John 6:35,41,48,51	
John 8:12 John 9:5	
John 10:7,9	
John 10:11-15	
John 10:30 John 14:10-12, 20	
John 11:25-26	
John 14:6	
John 15:1-5	
Revelation 1:8,17-18 and Revelation 22:13	
Revelation 2:23	

## DAY TWO

Matthew 1:1 opens with three names describing the Lord. Matthew has recorded his family line which was of great importance to the Jewish audience of his day. Do a bit of research to see the importance behind these names. If you have a study Bible read the notes for this verse and for Isaiah 11:1-5. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises given in the Old Testament by the prophets.

What are the three names used to describe the Lord in Matthew 1:1, and briefly what was the importance of the name? You might want to use the Strong's Concordance to look up the first one. Matthew 1:1 *This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:*

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How does knowing God has been faithful in fulfilling His promises concerning redemption strengthen you in your walk of faith? \_\_\_\_\_

Let's read Matthew 1:18-23, when an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

Joseph was engaged to Mary, and yet, he finds out that she is with child. The angel told Joseph to trust God; this was part of God's divine plan. What two names did the angel say this child was to be called? Do a bit of digging and uncover the meaning behind these two names.

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In what way do these two names comfort you? \_\_\_\_\_

Let's look at a few of the other names that were used to refer to Jesus in the New Testament. We'll start by reading Matthew 2:1-4. Who did the wise men inquire about? Define these names?

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.*

### DAY THREE

The prophets foretold of his birth. This child was to be born in Bethlehem, a humble city in the land of Judah. What words are used to describe Jesus in Matthew 2:6? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 2:6 is a quote of Micah 5:2 and says, "*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.*"

This had been spoken many, many years before. The nation of Israel had been looking for their Messiah for a long time. Sadly, when he came, they did not recognize the one born King of the Jews. What do you suppose they were expecting? \_\_\_\_\_

How did what they envisioned differ from what God had promised them? \_\_\_\_\_


Do you believe people today miss our king for similar reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

In Luke 2:8 an angel appeared to the shepherds who were watching over their flocks. What happened that night was good news for all the world.

Let's read Luke 2:1-20.

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

Jesus is referred to as "Savior," which is the Greek word Soter which means deliverer. Can you imagine the surprise the shepherds felt as they sat under the stars that night simply guarding their sheep when suddenly an angel appeared, and the glory of the Lord shined down on them? Other than fear, what emotions do you believe they experienced? \_\_\_\_\_



After hearing from the angel of God, what did the shepherds do? Refer back to Luke 2:16-17, and underline the verbs. Would you say this describes your response to finding the Savior?

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#### DAY FOUR

John 1:1 says, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* This verse points us back to the creation of the world. The very beginning of all things physical. What does this verse say about those who were present at creation?

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Similarly, John 1:14 says, *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* In this verse, John is describing an event that was different from anything that had ever happened. The name used to describe Jesus in both John 1:1 and John 1:14 is "logos," which denotes the essential Word of God, Jesus Christ, the personal wisdom and power in union with God. It is the Son of God, or second person in the Trinity, for neither the Father, nor the Holy Spirit, were made flesh. When you read this what feelings and thoughts do you go away with?

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Read John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* What do you believe God wanted for the world so much that he gave so generously?

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Do not miss the description of Jesus in John 3:16. How was Jesus described?

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Does the thought of this tremendous sacrifice of love motivate you to any action?

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Jesus' cousin was John the Baptist. He was the forerunner of Christ. John carried out his earthly ministry preaching in the area of the Jordan Valley. John's message to the people was a simple one, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

One day the Jewish leaders sent priests and Levites, to ask John, "Who are you?" They were confused about the heavenly kingdom John talked about. John very quickly replied, "I am not the Christ." Then he quoted Isaiah the prophet, "A voice of one calling in the desert, prepare the way of the LORD, make straight paths for him." The next day John was baptizing in the river when he saw Jesus coming toward him. John 1:29 says, "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'"

Underline in the verse above what John the Baptist called Jesus? Why do you believe he referred to him this way?

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The statement referring to "the Lamb of God" would have been a familiar concept to the Jews of that day. What were they accustomed to doing with a lamb?

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## DAY FIVE

Read the verses below. Circle the names Jesus is called in these two verses?

Ephesians 5:23 *"For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior."*

Colossians 1:18 *"And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the first-born from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."*

God has an order to all he does. How does it clarify who Christ is, when he is called the "head of the body, head of the church?"

The Greek word that is used above is "kephale," meaning supreme, chief or prominent. In what ways does Jesus' headship affect your words and actions?

Read the 3 verses below, and write how Jesus is described below each?

1 Timothy 1:1 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,*

1 Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,*

1 John 2:1-2 *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

In what ways does knowing these truths affect your walk of faith and interactions with others?

We have read and studied a lot of verses this week. We must take care that we did not merely gain head knowledge, but that we were changed by what we have gleaned from God's word. I believe the question we must ask ourselves is the same question Jesus asked his disciples in Matthew 16:15, "Who do you say I am?" So, who is Jesus to you?



● Consider this a love note. Everyone enjoys getting a love note, because we know the person took time to sit and think about us and the love, they have for us.

When one of my children was a teenager, they asked me this question, "Mom, why do you love me?" I do not believe they thought I would sit and write them a note, but I did. I stayed awake after everyone went to bed and wrote a note and placed it on their nightstand to find in the morning. It was good for this mother's heart to think about the reason I loved my child, and it was encouraging for them to read why I loved them. Spend a few minutes expressing your love for Jesus.

● If you have a few minutes, write a list of names for Jesus seen in the study this week.

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