

☞ The Name of Jesus

Names can say something about a person. One preacher I heard of from Indiana had the name Harry Pitts. Another pastor had the last name of O-D-O-R (Odor). If his first name had been John, Bill, or George, it would have been bad enough, but his first name is I-V-A-N: Ivan Odor! Even if you added "Brother" before it, it would be "Brother Ivan Odor." Someone might answer, "You sure do!" We don't want to be known by our odor!

☞ Jesus is used 1273 times

The name has its roots in the Old Testament. Jesus is the Greek form of the O.T. Jewish name Joshua. In its older Hebrew form, the name literally meant "Yahweh is salvation" or ☞ **"Yahweh saves."** It's the oldest name known that contains the divine name of God, Yahweh, within it.

When we westerners think of a name it simply means a designation by which we can differentiate people, but in Judaism it is much more. In Hebrew thought a name tells a story of a person's nature, character or deeds. Moses - means to draw out. He was used of God to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

A preacher by the name of Ray Steadman went through the names of Genesis 5 and came up with the following:

The list begins with Seth, which means "Appointed."

Enosh, his son, means "Mortal;" and

His son, Kenan, means "Sorrow."

His son Mahalalel, means "The Blessed God."

He son Jared means "Came Down," and

His son, Enoch, means "Teaching."

Then, Methuselah, means "His death shall bring;"

Lamech means "Strength,"

And, Noah means "Comfort."

☞ Now put that all together: **God has Appointed that Mortal man shall Sorrow; but The Blessed God Came Down, Teaching that His Death Shall Bring Strength and Comfort.**

There were three ways a person got their name:

1. Birth. 2. Inheritance 3. Achievement

By birth: Philip

By inheritance: Owen Waldo

By achievement: Pastor

Jesus obtained His name through these same means:

1. by birth

Matthew 1:21

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.

2. by inheritance

Hebrews 1:4

he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

3. by achievement

Philippians 2:5-9

Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7** but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

There's something about the name of Jesus... It's amazing how the world tries to stifle the mention of the Name of Jesus.

Acts 4:18

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:40

They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Has anything changed?

- On his show "Home Improvement," Tim Allen was told he couldn't mention the name of Jesus in connection with a Christmas episode! It's TABOO!
- Chuck Colson wrote that "ABC officials chose to bleep out the word "Jesus" on its talk show, "The View." A guest who had a very successful weight-loss program exclaimed, "Thank you, Jesus, is all I have to say!" The network bleeped out Jesus' name!
- Franklin Graham has created firestorms for his use of the name 'Jesus' in public prayers. As long as preachers pray to a generic God, or to Buddha, or Mohammed, or to Goddess Gaia – there's no problem. But if you say "Jesus" – stand by – the politically correct police will pounce on you in a moment.

The name of Jesus is unlike all others...

☞ 1. His Name Proclaims his Presence

☞ Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**" -which means, "**God with us.**"

☞ Matthew 18:20

where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Some of his titles and descriptions indicate his presence with us:

1. ☞ Advocate
2. Bridegroom
3. Counselor
4. Emmanuel
5. Faithful and True
6. Good Shepherd
7. The Life
8. Living Bread
9. Living Water
10. Mediator
11. Prince of Peace
12. The Rock
13. Son of Man

Jesus is with us. He is nearby at all times.

☞ 2. His Name Proclaims his Preeminence

☞ Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him **the name that is above every name**, 10 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.

☞ Luke 4:33-34

In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — **the Holy One of God!**"

Acts 19:13-15

Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." ...[One day] the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"

Jesus has the name that is above all others. He has preeminence. Even the misuse of his name says something... No one says "What in Allah's name is going on?" No one texts "OMB" for "Oh My Buddha." Because only Jesus' name has the power and punch behind it to matter. For 2,000 years the name of Jesus has not just rescued alcoholics, but

transformed them; it has purified prostitutes; made liars into lovers of the truth; cleaned up cursing mouths; has saved souls from hell!

Some of his titles and descriptions indicate his preeminence:

1. ☞ **Alpha and Omega**
2. **Ancient of Days**
3. **Anointed One**
4. **Chief Cornerstone**
5. **Creator of All Things**
6. **Firstborn**
7. **God's Anointed**
8. **Great I AM**
9. **Head of the Church**
10. **King of Kings**
11. **Light of the World**
12. **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**
13. **Lord of All**
14. **Lord of Lords**
15. **Son of God**

Jesus is preeminent. He is above all others. Nothing and no one compares to him.

☞ **3. His Name Proclaims his Power**

☞ **Salvation in his name**

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

☞ **Acts 4:12**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 10:43

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

☞ **Authority in his name**

Luke 10:17

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the **demons submit to us in your name.**"

☞ **Mark 16:17**

these signs will accompany those who believe: **In my name they will drive out demons**

☞ **Healing in his name**

Mark 16:18

when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.

☞ **Acts 3:16**

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. **It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing** to him, as you can all see.

Some of his titles and descriptions indicate his power:

1. ☞ **Almighty**
2. **Author of Eternal Salvation**
3. **Captain of Our Salvation**
4. **Deliverer**
5. **Eternal Judge**
6. **Finisher of faith**
7. **Great I AM**
8. **Healer**
9. **King of Kings**
10. **Lord God Almighty**
11. **Lord of All**
12. **Messiah**
13. **Redeemer**
14. **Resurrection and the Life**
15. **Son of God**

Jesus has all authority and power belongs to him.

There's something about that Name!

☞ **The name of Jesus means that he is with us; he is always present. His name means he is above all others; he is preeminent. The name of Jesus has power to save, heal and deliver. There's power in the name of Jesus. He has the name above all names!**

☞ **Music Video: No Other Name**

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