



JESUS  
The Name | Part 1  
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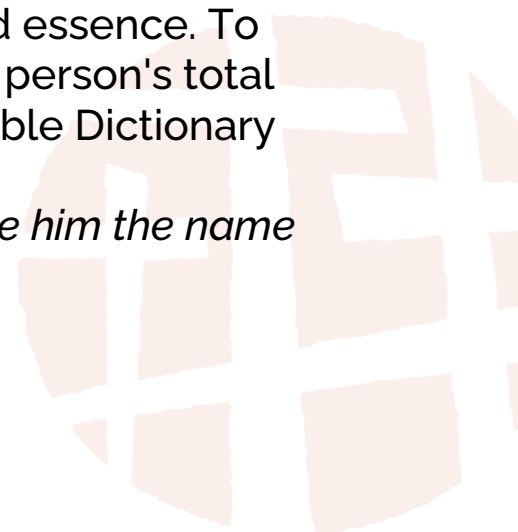
His name is, without a doubt, one of the most universally recognized names in all the world. Even now, 2000 years after His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus occupies the place of central devotion in all His followers. But what is it about His name that is so unique? Why do Christians always pray in His name? What makes His name stand out above all other names?

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In the Bible, there are 256 different names given to Jesus

“The biblical concept of naming was rooted in the ancient world's understanding that a name expressed essence. To know the name of a person was to know that person's total character and nature.” - Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

*[You] will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus... Matthew 1.21a*



## 1. IN JESUS' NAME

*And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14.13*

*When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James 4.3*

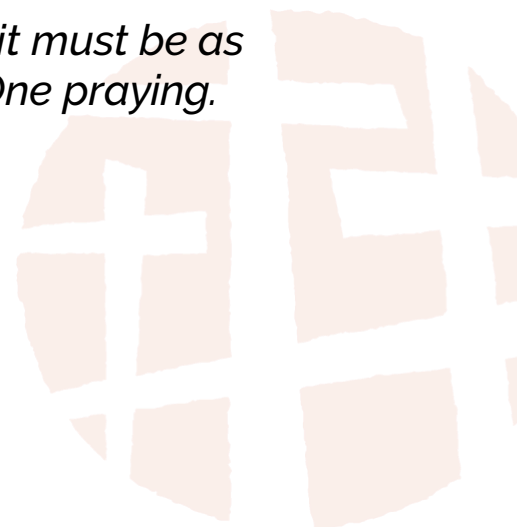
*Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it. John 14.13a*

*Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Acts 3.6*

*And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14.13-14*

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5.14-15*

*For a prayer to be truly "in the name of Jesus," it must be as He would express it if Jesus Himself were the One praying.*



## 2. SEEING JESUS THROUGH JEWISH EYES

*When the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary (who was betrothed to Joseph), the angel informed her that although she had never been with a man, she would be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. The angel also appeared to Joseph and instructed him regarding his future wife: "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins". Matthew 1.21*

Both of their names are symbols of salvation

Their name meant "YHWH saves" or "YHWH helps"

*...for he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1.21b*

Both of them conquered enemy strongholds

Both of them were successors to Moses

*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ! John 1.17*

"He would go to Jerusalem not to wield the spear and bring the judgement, but to receive the spear thrust and bear the judgement." - Edmond Clowney

Both were known for their mercy to sinners



*Then Joshua sent two spies... to cross the river and check out the situation on the other side, especially at Jericho. They arrived at an inn operated by a woman named Rahab, who was a prostitute. They were planning to spend the night there, but someone informed the king of Jericho that two Israelis who were suspected of being spies had arrived in the city that evening. He dispatched a police squadron to Rahab's home, demanding that she surrender them... But she had hidden them... Joshua 2.1-4 (Living Bible)*

*"I know perfectly well that your God is going to give my country to you," she told them... "For we have heard how the Lord made a path through the Red Sea for you when you left Egypt... for your God is the supreme God of heaven, not just an ordinary god." Joshua 2.9-11 (Living Bible)*

❑ Both offered the same choice to the people

*cross, take, divide, and serve*

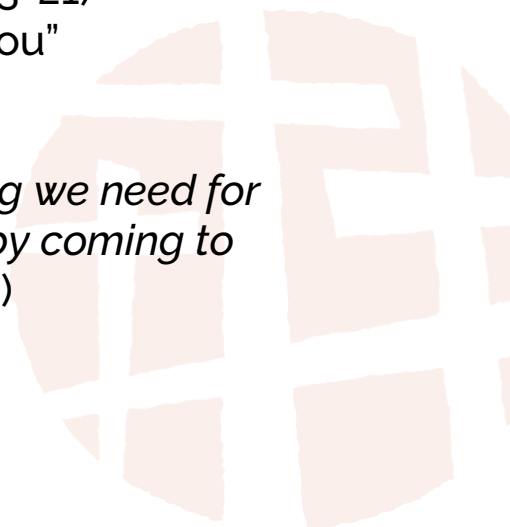
"Cross the Jordan into the land that I have given you"  
(Chps.1-5)

"Take the land that I have given you" (Chps.6 -12)

"Divide the land that I have given you" (Chps.13-21)

"Serve the Lord in the land that I have given you"  
(Chps.22-24)

*By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him... 2 Peter 1.3 (New Living Translation)*



### 3. CALLING ON HIS NAME

*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 4.12

*For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” Romans 10.13-15 (ESV)*

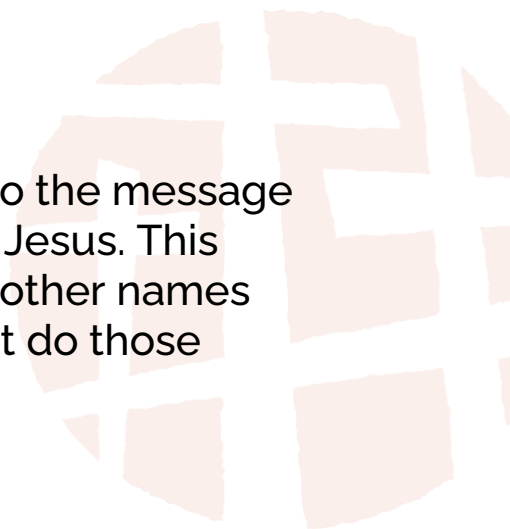
*Religion is “Do” and Christianity is “Done”*

“The only way to be a Christian is by admitting you have no qualifications, which is the only qualification, and until you admit you have no qualifications, you’re not qualified!”  
– Dr. Timothy Keller

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*  
Philippians 2.13 (New Living Translation)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Keith mentioned in the introduction to the message that the Bible gives us 256 different names of Jesus. This series is only dealing with four of them. What other names does the Bible use to describe Jesus and what do those names mean to you?



2. Praying in Jesus' name is not a tag line we attach to our prayers. What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name? How does this affect the way you see prayer in His name? Have you ever been so in tune with the will of God, that when an opportunity presented itself, you knew what needed to be said, prayed for or done? What was that like? What was the result?

3. Unless we read Scripture through Jewish eyes, we will miss so many details that are important in the narrative we are reading. After seeing the connection between Joshua and Jesus, what were some of your key takeaways from those parallels? Had you made this connection before? In the gospels, what other things are you aware of that are connected in some significant way to the Jewishness of the writers and the story they are telling?

4. In the last section of the message, Pastor Keith talked about salvation that Christ has made available to all who call on His name. He also shared about His own conversion experience. In the time remaining, those of you who are comfortable doing so, share about your own experience of coming to know God. When did it happen? How did it happen? If someone asked you, "How can I be saved?" What would you tell them?

