

His Name

"His Name is Jesus"

Introduction: Last week we focused on the prophetic announcement of Christ's birth and name from Isaiah's prophecy.

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

Today—His Name is Jesus

Matthew's record of the story

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows..." (Matthew 1:18a)

- A. Matthew's genealogy makes clear that Jesus is the "son of David" but also makes it clear that Jesus is the son of Mary, NOT Joseph.

And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Matthew 1:16-17 NKJV

NOTE: The Messiah was to come from the line of David

— Prophet Nathan to David

"And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:16 NKJV

— Isaiah prophesied

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-2 NKJV

IMPORTANT: Matthew will answer the issue of David's father

- B. Mary and Joseph are betrothed but she is pregnant

1. Modern day engagement vs. ancient betrothal
 - a. At betrothal called husband and wife
 - b. Arranged for them and mid-teens Not uncommon
 - c. Without sexual contact but in a binding contract made before a witness
 - d. Husband left to go home to his father's house and prepare a place to live
 - e. Returns a year later to consummate marriage

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:2-3 NKJV

- f. Death before would make a widow or widower
 - g. Immorality would lead to divorce
2. She's pregnant—but a supernatural pregnancy

C. Joseph's plans

1. He plans to divorce her quietly—assumes her unfaithfulness
 - a. In his culture 2nd chances were not an option
 - b. Jewish, Greek, Roman cultures demanded he divorce her if she was unfaithful
 - c. Romans would treat a man who refused as a panderer, exploiting his wife as a prostitute
 - d. Mediterranean society saw man as weak, letting love for a woman overcome law (honor/shame culture)
 - e. Her family would want her to get mercy—shame of father
 - f. Joseph would have no reason to trust her innocence
 - g. Public divorce would shame her and he could have re-couped his dowry
 - h. He acted out of compassion, not vengeance

D. Angel's announcement

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21 NKJV

1. Tells Joseph to not be afraid to take Mary—it will bring shame
2. Take her and name the baby—confirming his legal recognition of Jesus as his son and as the “son of David”

E. Name him Jesus!

1. Yeshua—Joshua in the Old Testament—Jesus in the New Testament
2. God is salvation
3. Brings it by His presence

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matthew 1:22-23 NKJV

a. I am there

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 NKJV

b. I am always with you

Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:20 NKJV

The Name of Jesus

I. It is a PARTICULAR name.

A. Given to Mary

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. Luke 1:26-31 NKJV

B. Given to Joseph

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 NKJV

C. Given to Humanity

(Peter's words in front of Jewish leaders after healing the lame).

If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:9-12 NKJV

II. It is a POWERFUL name.

A. Invoked by Apostles for healing the sick and miracles

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Acts 3:6 NKJV

(When praying after imprisonment)

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:29-31 NKJV

B. Called up to resist demonic influence

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." Luke 10:17 NKJV

(Girl with spirit of divination of Phillip)

This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. Acts 16:17-18 NKJV

C. Provides a place of shelter, peace, and protection from enemy attack

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10 NKJV

D. Empowers and motivates our service

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And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17 NKJV

E. Grants us unique access to the Father

- a. (Kids calling us by first name—not a big deal but I don’t want to be just “Kevin”—I want to be “dad”)
 - Why a big deal
 - Dad will care, provide, die for them if need be

TRUTH: None of us has a right by virtue of birth to call God Father. Only One begotten Son. Because of Jesus—we can.

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:15-17 NKJV

IMPORTANT: Cannot have Fatherhood without His Sonship!

III. It is a PRE-EMINENT name.

O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! 2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen — Even the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth! NKJV

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. Hebrews 1:1-4 NKJV

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

IV. It is a PRAYERFUL name.

A. Attached to a promise

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. John 14:13-14 NKJV

B. We pray in His name

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. John 16:23 NKJV

C. We have access to the Father only through Him

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:5 NKJV

V. It is a PRECIOUS name.

- A. Because of its meaning—Yahweh saves
- B. Because we can call on Him

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13 NKJV

The Missing Piece of Puzzle

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