



His Name is Jesus

Luke 1:26-32

Sermon Series: What's in a
name?

Luke 1:26-28 (NLT)

- In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Luke 1:29-32 (NLT)

- ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

Introduction

- It has been estimated that there are over 700 names and titles of our Savior found throughout the Bible.
- It has been counted that almost a thousand times in the New Testament, the name Jesus is mentioned.

1. It is a *simple* name.

- Jesus was a common name in His day.
- *Though it is a simple name, there is majesty to it.*

Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)

- *“Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

It's a simple name (cont'd)

- Only God understood the meaning of the birth of the Lord.
- Isaiah 9:6 says, "*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.*"
- Jesus came into this world to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

It's a simple name (cont'd)

- *There is a mystery to it as well.*
- Luke 1:35 (NKJV), *“And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’”*

A simple name (cont'd)

- Matthew 1:23, "*A virgin shall conceive and bring forth a child.*"
- *You don't have to understand everything to believe it.*

1 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

- *“Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith:*
- *Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.”*

2. It is a *special* name.

- *Jesus* in the New Testament is the Greek form of the Old Testament name *Joshua*.
- There were two prominent men who became heroes of the Jewish people in the Old Testament named Joshua or Jesus.

It is a special name (cont'd)

- The first of them was a great conqueror. He is the one who is the theme of this book of Joshua in the Old Testament.
- It is this Joshua in the Old Testament, you may recall, who led the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

It is a special name (cont'd)

- John 1:17 says, *"The law came by Moses."*
- But what Moses couldn't do, Joshua did. He took them into the Promised Land.
- John 1:17 says, *"The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."*

It is a special name (cont'd)

- Galatians 3:24 (NKJV), *“Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”*
- There was a second person in the Old Testament named Joshua. It's in Zechariah 3. His occupation was High Priest.

Things available to you in the name of Jesus.

- *We receive clarity in the midst of our circumstances.*
- John 14:13 (NLT), “*You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.*”

Things available to us in the name of Jesus.

- *We receive victory over our vices.*
- 1 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV), “*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*”

Things available to us in the name of Jesus.

- Hebrews 13:24 (NLT), *“You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.”*

Things available to us in the name of Jesus.

- *We receive security for our salvation.*
- John 1:12-13 (NKJV), *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

It's a special name (cont'd)

- Colossians 3:17 (NKJV), *“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.”*
- *In all you do, do it in the name of Jesus.*

3. It is a saving name.

- Matthew 1:21 (NKJV), *“And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*
- *The name Jesus means the Lord is salvation.*

It is a saving name (cont'd)

- I Timothy 1:15 says, "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*"
- I John 3:5 says, "*He was manifested to take away our sins.*"
- Acts 4:13, "*Neither is there any other name given among men whereby we must be saved.*"

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)

- *“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,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.”*

It is a saving name (cont'd)

- Timothy 4:10 says, *"This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers."*
- Titus 3:6 it says this: *"He is our Savior."*

Invitation

- Have you called on the name of Jesus lately?