

# The Great Name of Jesus

Micah 5:4-5 (ESV) *And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they [his flock] shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.*

Isaiah 9:6 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

## 1. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NAME OF JESUS

The demons were subject to His name: Luke 10:17 *The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*  
Many believed in His name: John 2:23 *Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.*

Those who do not believe in His name are judged: John 3:18 *He who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

People were baptized in His name: Acts 2:38 *Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins*

Repentance for forgiveness of sins was proclaimed in His name to all the nations: Luke 24:47 *that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

Through His name comes the forgiveness of sin: Acts 10:43 *Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins. (1 John 2:12)*

Through His name people are spiritually cleansed, set apart unto God, and declared righteous: 1 Cor. 6:11 *but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*

Those who believe in His name receive the right to become children of God: John 1:12 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

Eternal life is received by believing in His name: John 20:31 *These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

His followers risked their lives for His name: Acts 15:26 *men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*

They were ready to be imprisoned or die for His name: Acts 21:13 *I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Saul was chosen by Jesus to take His name to Jews, Gentiles and kings: Acts 9:15 *But the Lord said to [Ananias], "Go, for [Saul] is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel."*

Christians would be united together because they all call on His name: 1 Cor. 1:2 *To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours...*

His name was magnified: Acts 19:17 *the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.*

His name was to be glorified: 2 Thes. 1:12 *so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you...* (Rev. 15:4)

The nations would place their hope in His name: Matthew 12:21 (NIV) *In [Jesus'] name the nations will put their hope.*

Acts 2:38; 3:6, 16; 4:7, 10, 12, 29-30

Do everything in the name of Jesus: Colossians 3:17 *Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*

## 2. THE YAHWEH CONNECTION

### a. Jesus' name suggests that He is Yahweh:

Matthew 1:21 *She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*

*Jesus*, from Hebrew *Joshua*, meaning

**"Yahweh saves"**

**He [Jesus] will save His people from their sins**

**b. OT: Boast only in Yahweh, NT: Boast only in Jesus**

Jer. 9:23-24 *Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD. (Ps. 34:2, 44:8)*

1 Cor. 1:30-31 (NIV) *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."*

Galatians 6:14 *May it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**c. OT: Proclaim the word of Yahweh, NT: Proclaim the word of the Lord (Jesus)**

Acts 8:25 *when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord.*

**d. OT: the end comes at "the day of Yahweh", NT: the end comes at "the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"**

1 Corinthians 1:8 *who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**e. OT: Taste the kindness of Yahweh, NT: Taste the kindness of the Lord Jesus**

Psalms 34:8 *O taste and see that the LORD [Yahweh] is good.*

1 Peter 2:3 *if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord (Jesus).* (note that Peter quotes Psalm 34 extensively in 1 Peter 2)

**f. OT: Yahweh will be a stone of stumbling and rock of offense, NT: Jesus was a stone of stumbling and rock of offense**

Isaiah 8:13-14 *It is the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts whom you should regard as holy.... He shall become a sanctuary; but to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over.*

1 Peter 2:6-8 *For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."*

- g. OT: A prophet would go before Yahweh to prepare His ways, NT: John came before Jesus to prepare His way**

Mal. 3:1 *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me ... saith the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts.*

Luke 1:76 *And you, child [John], will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS;*

- h. OT: Yahweh is the Most High, NT: Jesus is the Most High**

Psalms 7:17 (ESV) *I will sing praise to the name of the LORD [Yahweh], the Most High.*

Luke 1:76 *And you, child [John], will be called the prophet of the Most High.*

- i. OT: Call on the name of Yahweh to be saved, NT: Call on the name of the Lord Jesus to be saved**

Joel 2:32 (ESV) *And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*

Acts 2:21 *And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

### 3. THE FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS AS LORD

**1 Peter 3:14-15** *But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, but sanctify [set apart as holy] Christ as Lord in your hearts...*

Isaiah 8:12-13 *...and you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. It is the LORD [Yahweh] of hosts whom you should regard as holy.*

**Acts 2:21, 37-38** *"AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." ... Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..."*

**Romans 10:9, 13** *If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.... for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."*

**Philippians 2:9-11** *For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Isaiah 45:23 *I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God... there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none*

*else.... I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.*

“The basic confession of early Christianity that ‘Jesus is Lord’ turns out to entail the most astonishing and radical claim that any first-century Jew might have made: that the crucified man, Jesus of Nazareth, was Jehovah.” (Bowman, R. M., & Komoszewski, J. E. (2007). *Putting Jesus in his place: The case for the deity of Christ*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 170)

#### **4. LIFT UP THE LORD JESUS**

John 12:32-33

John 8:28