



A Name Above All Names—part 1
Jesus
From Sermon 12.4.22

Read *Philippians 2:5-11*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Having concluded our month-long series on getting ready, Christmas is here for our holiday and our study. After moving kings and empires, God now completes the promise by sending Christ into the world—born of a virgin. As heaven announces the grand arrival, several key names and titles are assigned to the newborn king. Each has rich meaning and purpose. Our own Christmas will be blessed by reviewing and praising each divine title.

1. It was mentioned, on Sunday, that this time of year is a season of names: Christmas lists, events, songs, and holiday shows. What worldly names flood our eyes, ears, and minds at Christmas time? Various answers. Santa. Rudolph, Frosty...

2. What name proclaims the true Christmas? Jesus

2a. Who chose Jesus' name? Why is this significant? His True Father chose the name. See Matthew 1:21. It not only shows God's work vs. man's, but identifies Jesus as the eternal God the Son.

3. What does the name *Jesus* mean and what is its Hebrew equivalent? Jesus = God saves = Joshua

4. What foundational doctrinal truth does this Name support? People cannot save themselves. All mankind is born into spiritual death & a bondage of the will. Salvation, therefore, is the monergistic work of God. Salvation is never cooperative—because we would never cooperate. Only earthly "sanctification" [growth/maturity, holiness] is synergistic & cooperative. See and discuss Ephesians 2:1-5.

5. List some of the many things Jesus did during His earthly ministry. Various answers. Include: preach, teach, correct, rebuke, heal, rescue, deliver, testify, prove, & forgive.

5a. However, based on his name, what was His *main mission*? Calvary's cross. [& resurrection]
See *John 10:15-16*

6. The angel said Jesus would "save His people from their sins". Who are "His people"? Various answers have been debated over time. Some say everyone. Others say it refers to Israel. But we know for certain it means the elect (My sheep)

7. Read *Luke 2:10*. What is the Good News? = the Gospel. We are not by our works, not by ritual, not by heritage. Jesus who knew no sin became sin for us that we would become the righteousness of God.
See *2 Corinthians 5:21*