

Chardon Christian Fellowship
Home Fellowship Lessons
Names of God
Lesson 9: Jesus, Names in the New Testament

INTRODUCTION

In the New Testament, we have the revelation of Jesus, The Messiah from God. This lesson will fall short in providing a complete picture of the revelation of Jesus through His names in the New Testament. However, though this lesson we will get a glimpse of the wonderful Messiah who purchased our eternity in heaven with His precious blood.

LESSON

A. Jesus

The Greek word for Jesus is *Iēsous* which means Savior, and appears 917 times in the New Testament. We will not have time to go through all of these 917 verses where *Iēsous* occurs (☺)! We see in the two verses below that an angel of the Lord told Joseph and Mary exactly what to name the baby to be born.

Matthew 1:20-21 ²⁰ *But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."* NASB

Luke 1:30-31 ³⁰ *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 bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus."* NASB

Oh ! There is ***power*** in the Name of Jesus!

Acts 3:6-8 ⁶ *But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene - walk!" ⁷ And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. ⁸ With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.* NASB

Acts 3:16 ¹⁶ *And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.* NASB

Philippians 2:9-11 ⁹ *For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* NASB

1 Corinthians 6:11 ¹¹ *Such were some of you; 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.* NASB

2. Emmanuel

The Greek word in the New Testament is *Emmanouēl* or *Emmanouel*, and it means “God With Us”. We had seen this before in **Isaiah 7:14** where God is referred to as *Immanu El*:

Matthew 1:23 ²³ *“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”* NASB

Isaiah 7:14 ¹⁴ *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.* NASB

3. Messiah

The Greek word for Christ is the word *Kristos* or *Christos* which means “the Anointed One.” The Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word *mashiach*, which means Messiah. The use of Christ and Messiah are interchangeable in the New Testament.

Matthew 16:15-16 ¹⁵ *He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”* ¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ (Christos), the Son of the living God.”* NASB

Matthew 1:16-17 ¹⁶ *Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah (Christos).* ¹⁷ *So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah (Christos), fourteen generations.* NASB

Ephesians 4:19-20 ¹⁹ *and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.* ²⁰ *But you did not learn Christ (christos) in this way,* NASB

John 11:27 ²⁷ *She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ (Christos), the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”* NASB

4. Lord

This English word Lord comes from the Greek word *kyrios*, which can be interpreted as God, Lord or Master. It occurs approximately 717 times in the New Testament. Lord is defined as someone who is our leader, master, owner, possessor, potentate, and sovereign of our life.

Romans 10:9-13 ⁹ *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord (kyrios), and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;* ¹⁰ *for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.* ¹¹ *For the Scripture says, “WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”* ¹² *For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord (kyrios) is Lord of all, abounding in riches*

for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD (KYRIOS) WILL BE SAVED." NASB

Matthew 12:8 ⁸ *For the Son of Man is Lord (kyrios) of the Sabbath."* NASB

Matthew 24:42 ⁴² *"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord (kyrios) is coming. NASB*

5. Master

The Greek word for master is *epistatēs*. It means master, one who stands by, one who is set over, or the One in control.

Luke 5:5 ⁵ *Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets."* NASB

Luke 8:24 ²⁴ *They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm. NASB*

Luke 9:49 ⁴⁹ *John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us."* NASB

6. The Word

In the New Testament, Jesus is referred to as the Word (*logos*) or "The Word" (*ho logos*) of God. Logos occurs 330 times in the New Testament, but not always in reference to Jesus. Jesus being identified as the Word of God implies that His actions and words are the very thought and utterance of God. Whatever God utters, Jesus "is".

John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. NASB*

1 John 1:1 *What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life. NASB*

Revelation 19:12-13 ¹² *His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. ¹³ He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. NASB*

7. Son of God, or God the Son

This is the core of Trinitarian Christianity, where we confess and believe that God exists as One God in three Divine Persons, who are distinct, yet are of one essence or nature.

Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ *After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."* NASB

In this passage the correct grammar is “My Son, The Beloved.” God calls Jesus “My Son”. This is also recorded in Luke:

Luke 3:21-22 ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.” NASB

Matthew 14:31-33 ³¹ Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and *said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “You are certainly God’s Son!” NASB

Matthew 16:15-16 ¹⁵ He *said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” NASB In this verse Jesus is referred to as the Messiah and the Son of The Living God.

8. Son of Man

The phrase Son of Man has had quite a lineage of discussion and theological debate. This lesson is not the place to develop a treatise and provide an interpretation of the meaning of Son of Man. Rather, we will let Jesus speak through the Scripture:

In the following verse, Jesus refers to Himself as “The Son of Man”, thereby equating this phrase (Son of Man) with Son of God.

Mark 9:31 ³¹ For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered (betrayed) into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.” NASB

In the following verse Jesus is questioned by the high priest, being asked if He is the Son of God (The Blessed One). Jesus replied “I am” and then called Himself “The Son of Man” and described the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of God. In this He states He is deity equal to God on the Throne.

Mark 14:61-63 ⁶¹ But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶² And Jesus said, “I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.” NASB

In the following verse, Jesus refers to Himself as the Son of Man, and the events that are listed are only those that would equate with the Messiah. This supports the conclusion that Son of Man refers to Jesus, The Christ, The Messiah, God the Son.

Matthew 25:31-34 ¹ “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He

will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. NASB

9. Lamb of God

Universally, it is considered in Christianity that the reference of Jesus as the Lamb of God is a fulfillment of the Passover Lamb in the book of Exodus. At Passover, a lamb with no blemish (imperfection) is sacrificed and the blood on the doorpost (lamb) allows God to “pass over” and shield His people from His wrath. Jesus was with no blemish (knew no sin) and His sacrifice at the cross, and the shedding of His blood, pays for our sins and allows us to be “passed over” regarding the final wrath of God. This is foundational to the Christian faith.

John 1:29 ²⁹ *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! NASB*

John 1:35-36 ³⁵ *Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” NASB*

Revelation 21:14 ⁴ *And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. NASB*

Revelation 5:5-7 ⁵ *and one of the elders *said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”⁶ And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.⁷ And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. NASB*

10. Light of the World

What is light? Light is referred to in many places as pure in that it shows the truth of what something is, and light “pushes out” darkness so that we may see clearly. Scripture states that God is Light in **1 John 1:5**, and in **Matthew 5:14** Jesus tells us that as Christians we are the Light of the World with a purpose.

1 John 1:5 ⁵ *This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. NASB*

Matthew 5:14-16 ¹⁴ *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;¹⁵ nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. NASB*

In the next verses, we see the Jesus tells us He is the Light of the World. In other words, He has come to bring light (truth) and this will expose darkness (sin). With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we can be the Light of the World (spreading truth – exposing sin).

John 8:12 ¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” NASB

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11. I Am

John 8:56-59 ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” ⁵⁹ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple. NASB

In **John 8:12-59** Scripture records an interaction between Jesus and some Pharisees. In this discourse Jesus claims deity and equality with YHWH when Jesus states “... before Abraham was born, I am”. This statement equates Jesus with the One who said the same thing in **Exodus 3**:

Exodus 3: 14-15 ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.” NASB

We know from our lesson YHWH that this is God telling man for the first time His name, YHWH. Before that, God refers to Himself as Elohim. “I AM” is the personal name of The Self Sufficient One (YHWH). This is Jesus’s declaration of His deity and equality with YHWH.

12. Savior

The Greek word for savior is *sōtēr* and it occurs 24 times in the New Testament. It means savior, deliverer, and preserver. This is used to describe Jesus The Messiah.

John 4:40-42 ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ Many more believed because of His word; ⁴² and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.” NASB

Acts 5:30-31 ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹ He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. NASB

2 Timothy 1:10-11 ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. NASB

Titus 1:4 ⁴ To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. NASB

13. Other Names of Jesus

There are many other names by which Jesus is referred to in the New Testament. It is beyond the scope of this lesson to cover them all; however, you are encouraged to search the Scripture for the truth of the names of Jesus our Christ.

Rabboni, Rabi, **Matthew 26:22-25**, **Mark 9:5**, **Mark 11:21**, **John 4:31**; Bread of Life, **John 6:35**; Chosen One, **Luke 23:35**; Faithful and True, **Revelation 19:11**; Alpha and Omega, **Revelation 1:8**, **Revelation 22:13**; Apostle and High Priest, **Hebrews 3:1**; Holy and Righteous One, **Acts 3:14**; Prince of Life, **Acts 3:15**.

APPLICATION

The application for this lesson and all the previous lessons are to consider the following challenges and ask yourself “*Am I measuring up to these challenges*”:

1. Meditate on the names, words, and majesty of our God (read **Psalm 145:5**), and do so day and night (read **Psalm 1**).
2. Taking captive every argument and thought that sets itself up against the knowledge (truth) of God (read **2 Corinthians 10:5**).
3. Focusing my activities, and therefore my mind, on that which is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely and of good report (see **Philippians 4:8**).
4. Encamped on the promises of God regarding His faithfulness to me (see **Philippians 1:6**).
5. Confessing and mourning over sin when it occurs (see **1 John 1:9**).
6. Praying (see **Philippians 4:6**, **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**) for Christian brothers and sisters (see **Ephesians 6:18**, **Acts 1:14**) and those who are not Christians (see **Luke 19:10**, **Matthew 9:37-38**).

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