

## WHO IS JESUS?

Divine names are extremely significant and packed full of meaning. Men like Abraham, Jacob, Moses and David received a progressive revelation of the character of God by means of those names. B.F. Westcott once wrote, "Each name authoritatively given to God is, so to speak, a fresh and lasting revelation of his nature. Now in one title and now in another we catch glimpses of his ineffable glory."

Obviously, if such is true God when it comes to the Old Testament, such would be true when it comes to divine names in the New Testament. Particularly we learn a great deal about the nature and work of Jesus when we look at the titles ascribed to him. J.M. Boice has noted that by looking at chapter one of John's Gospel, we see eight such names.

**The Word.** This indicates (among other things) that Jesus is the Creator. As we read in Genesis 1, God speaks and all things come into being.

**The Light.** This is the universal image for the illumination of the understanding through revelations. The idea is that God is revealed through Jesus and that men are brought out of darkness by him.

**The Lamb of God.** Jesus is the sin-bearer, the Passover, the innocent substitute dying in our place. He came to earth to remove our sin by dying in your place as our substitute.

**Son of God.** While all men who follow God's Plan of Salvation become "sons of God" (Galatians 3:16; 4:6), this title is reserved for Jesus alone as it makes him entirely unique and divine. It is as the Son of God that Jesus reigns and exercises authority in the lives of those who have come to him.

**Rabbi.** Simply means "teacher." He is the one who reveals the will of heaven. He imparts the truth and shows us the way to the Father.

**Messiah/Christ.** Jesus is the one who fulfills prophecy. In particular, Jesus is the one all Israel had been looking for since the time of Abraham. (Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Galatians 3:16).

**King.** Jesus reigns supreme as lawgiver and enforcer. From the days of the reign of David, it was known that a king was coming that would rule as no other had done (Matthew 1:17; 2 Samuel 12:7-8; Luke 1:30-33).

**Son of Man.** More than connecting Jesus to humanity, this title actually marks him as the divine judge of the universe (Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 13:41-43; 24:27,30; 25:31-46).

Some will meet Jesus as their judge and be filled with terror. Others will meet him as the Lamb who has taken away their sin and eternally rejoice. Let us be thankful for the way God has revealed himself in these names and live accordingly.

- Bart Warren, South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY (*Bulletin Digest*) -

**JESUS ... Name above ALL names.**

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. June, 6th we will resume our Sunday evening services at 5:30 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

**PANTRY:** Soups: Tomato & Chicken Noodle.

**REQUEST FOR CARDS:** Josh Morrison, 428 Burnside Rd., Canonsburg, PA 15317. Cheryl Renfro Walker (Cheryl has cancer), 229 Belgium Lane, Chester, WV 26034. Gerald Joy (member at Southern Hills with health issues), 144 E. Main St., Salineville, OH 43945.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Tim Martin. **WEIRTON MEDICAL CENTER:** Shirley Beagle. **AT HOME:** Emma Rine, Jim Hadley, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Alex Harless, Mary Johnson, Rick Beck. **FOX of ELO (Rehab Suites):** Marilyn Miller. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## Museum Bibles

The Bible is not a museum piece to be admired at a distance and dusted now and again. It is a treasure to be polished. It is a tool to be used. It is a light to be shined. It is a mirror to be viewed. It is a sword to be sharpened. It is a food to be digested. The poet worded it this way: "These hath God married, and no man shall part, dust on the Bible, and drought in the heart." It is best to have a specific time each day. Many find it easier to study in the morning (Psalm 88:13; Mark 1:35). God's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23). Some like to study on their lunch hour (Psalm 55:17; Acts 10:9). Others are night owls who focus best at night while it is quiet (Psalm 119: 148). Experiment with different times to see what works best for you. The most important thing is not to own a "museum Bible." - Dwight Fuqua, Findlay church of Christ, Sparta, TN (via North End church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV)

## I REFUSE

*I refuse to be discouraged, to be sad or to cry*

*I refuse to be downhearted, and here's the reason why:*

*I have a God who is almighty; who is sovereign and supreme;*

*I have a God who loves me, and I am on His team.*

*He is all wise and powerful; Jehovah is His name;*

*Though everything else is changeable, my God remains the same.*

*I refuse to be defeated; my eyes are on my God;*

*He has promised to be with me as through this life I trod.*

*I am looking past my circumstance to Heaven's throne above;*

*My prayers have reached the heart of God; I am resting in His love.*

- Author Unknown -

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