

## JESUS

“Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name above every name.” (Phil.2:7)

During December, we will study the following four names associated with the birth of Jesus Christ that attribute to our theme: **“Name Above Every Name.”**

- On Dec.2 & 9, we will study His prophetic name, Immanuel
- **On Dec.16, we will study His crucifixion name, Jesus.**
- On Dec.23, we will study His divine family name, Son of the Most High.
- On Dec.30, we will study His genetic name, Only Begotten.

Gabriel was sent by God to both Mary and Joseph to explain the birth of Jesus and His name (Luke 1:31; Matt.1:21).

**The Bible records Gabriel explaining the meaning of the crucifixion name of Jesus to only Joseph:**

“And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.” (Matt.1:21)

**At His circumcision ceremony, He was officially naming JESUS.**

“And when eight days were completed before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” (Luke 2:21)

**The name Jesus places emphasis on the true humanity side of the hypostatic union of Jesus Christ that will qualify Him to bear the sins of the world upon His body.**

“And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Pet.2:24; Isa.53:4-6)

<p><b>This lesson will study FOUR aspects of the name Jesus that became His crucifixion name and qualified Him to become the Savior of the world.</b></p>
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- 1. Gabriel brought special meaning to prominent Jewish names Joshua (yehoshua) [Lord is salvation] and Hoshea [salvation] when He gave Him the name Jesus.**

The name Jesus is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name Joshua (Acts 7:45; Heb.4:8).

Gabriel said, “You shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who **will save** His people from their sins.”

John the Baptizer knew this, when he saw Jesus and declared: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

- 2. When Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to the temple shepherds, he referred to Jesus as “a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

“For today in the city of David (Bethlehem) (Micah 5:2) there has been born for you a Savior (soter), who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)

The same thing was told to Simeon at the birth of Jesus by the Holy Spirit (Lk.2:25-32) - “Light of revelation to the **Gentiles**, and the glory of Thy **people Israel**.”(Lk.2:32)

The fact that Jesus Christ came to be the Savior of the world was emphasized in the conversion of the Samaritans of John 4.

“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.’” (Jn.4:42)

**Savior of world** “And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.” (1 John 4:14)

**Savior of church** “For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.” (Eph.5:23; Acts 20:28)

**Savior of Israel** “From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.” (Acts 13:23; 5:30-31)

**Savior of heaven** “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Phil.3:20)

**Savior of sinners** – “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.” (1 Tim.1:15; 2 Tim.1:10; Titus 2:10-14; 3:4-7)

### **3. The Roman governor, Pilate, wrote an inscription of the criminal charges on the crucifixion cross of Jesus in the universal languages of the world.**

“And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, ‘**Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews**’ Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek.” (John 19:19-20)

Pilate’s wife told him that she had a dream regarding Jesus during His trial – “Have nothing to do with that righteous man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.” (Matt.27:19; 20:17-19)

Peter addressed the men of Israel with similar terms regarding Jesus the Nazarene (Acts 2:22-24) – “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Acts 2:36)

“But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” (1 Cor.1:23-24; 2:1-5)

### **4. Peter’s sermon before the Supreme Court of Israel defined the redemptive importance of the name Jesus (Acts 4:1-22).**

**The story behind the story:** Peter and John had left the temple’s by the gate called Beautiful when they encountered a crippled man from birth who was begging alms from those going in and out of the temple (Acts 3:1-26) “And 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!’” (Acts 3:6; 1 Tim.2:4-6)

The Supreme Court wanted to know by what power and in what name they perform this miracle? (Acts 4:7)

Peter’s answer is part of a famous verse quoted by Christians around the world (Acts 4:8-12)

**“AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE; FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.” (Acts 4:12)**