

MATTHEW 1:18-21

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

LUKE 1:26-33

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,

27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God.

31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end."

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

9 God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ACTS 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

THE *Christmas* NAME

MATTHEW 1:21 & LUKE 1:31

"Give him the name Jesus."

A Marvelous Name

✓MIRACULOUSLY ANNOUNCED

MT.1:20-21 – "An angel of the Lord...said...'Give him the name Jesus...'"

✓MEANINGFUL APPLICATION

MT.1:21 – "You are to give him the name Jesus...he will save his people..."

A Misused Name

✓OFTEN MIS-SPOKEN

EX.20:7 – "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God..."

✓OFTEN MIS-UNDERSTOOD

AC.26:9 – "I was convinced that I ought...to oppose the name of Jesus..."

✓OFTEN MIS-REPRESENTED

LK.21:8 – "Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he'..."

✓OFTEN MIS-TREATED

AC.5:40 – "They ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus."

A Mighty Name

✓EXCLUSIVE ACCESS through the NAME

JN.16:23 – "My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

✓EXCITING AVAILABILITY in the NAME

MT.18:20 – "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I..."

✓EMPOWERING AUTHORITY in the NAME

MK.16:17 – "In my name they will drive out demons..."

✓ETERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY to the NAME

PH.2:10 – "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow..."

✓EVERLASTING ADORATION to the NAME

RE.5:13 – "To the Lamb be praise...honor...glory...power, for ever!"