

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

SERIES: GOD WITH US (CHRISTMAS)

LESSON: IMMANUEL AND THE OTHER TITLES OF JESUS

VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

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MAIN POINT

The incarnate “God With Us” is more than a baby in a manger. He was and is and will be every title ascribed to Him in scripture.

CONTEXT

(Teacher, the aim of this study is to reflect on the names of Jesus and discuss our disposition toward forgetfulness. Below is one way to approach this study. Feel free organize whatever group time you see best for helping reflect on the full character of the incarnate “God With Us.”)

In Matthew’s account of the birth of Jesus, Joseph is told to name him Jesus. A derivative of Joshua, meaning “Yahweh saves.” It is fitting that the name given the Messiah would mirror that of the one who followed after the law to lead the Israelites into the promise land.

Matthew, however, would also quote Isaiah saying the child would be named “Immanuel” (Is. 7:14). Isaiah 9:6 goes on to say, “and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

This is a lot of names for one child. And yet these many titles given to Jesus throughout scripture help us understand who He is and what He accomplishes.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

What's in a name? Consider any funny stories about having someone's name wrong, calling someone by the wrong name, or perhaps a nickname story.

Use the introduction to set the stage for considering the totality of Jesus.

Jesus has many titles in scripture. There is so much to be gained from reflecting on the names He is given.

When we celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is good for us to reflect on all that is embodied in the Son of God. **We do not celebrate a baby in a manger, we celebrate the arrival of a ruler.**

EXPLANATION // ...believe Jesus is the Christ...

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says.

AT THE END OF THIS STUDY IS A LIST OF NAMES AND SCRIPTURE REFERECES. USE THIS LIST TO ASSIGN SCRIPTURES TO BE READ ALOUD AS YOU CONSIDER THE MEANING OF EACH TITLE GIVEN TO THE MESSIAH.

After having different scriptures read to reveal titles of Jesus, ask: Which of these names stand out to you and why?

Making the connection:

Too often we forget all that Jesus is. We become too familiar with His work and His story. If we do not consistently bring ourselves back to the enormity of the unchanging person of Jesus, we will drift in our view of Him.

What is the danger of forgetting some of the realities of who Jesus is?

What is the right response to remembering all Jesus is?

How can we better remember all that Jesus is?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 14:13, LUKE 10:17, AND ACTS 2:38

All of the Titles we see through scripture are caught up in one person: Jesus.

This name is given much attention in the New Testament. In His name prayers are answered. In His name we are baptized. In His name demons flee.

There is nothing magical about the pronunciation of the letters J-E-S-U-S.

But there is power when a person has surrendered to Him.

This baby in a manger is the ruler of all things. To be “in His name” is to be surrendered to Him as the ultimate authority. Think of it as an ambassador; one who can speak with the authority of the one to whom He has surrendered.

The name of Jesus has power in the lives of those surrendered to His name. The power is not in a word...it is in His authority.

Do you live your life as one under the authority of Jesus?

What does it look like to live life “in the name of Jesus?”

APPLICATION // ...have life in His name.

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Which name of Jesus do you most struggle to submit to?

Do you have a practice in your life that keeps the titles of Jesus in front of you so you don't forget who it is you worship?

PRAYER

Close in prayer, asking God to press this truth that was studied.

RESOURCES

We compiled 50 names and titles for Jesus and the Scriptures where those names are found.

1. Almighty

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8).

2. Alpha and Omega

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 22:12–13).

3. Amen

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation" (Revelation 3:14).

4. Author of Life

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this (Acts 3:15).

5. Bread from Heaven

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven" (John 6:32).

6. Bread of Life

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35).

7. Chief Shepherd

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away (1 Peter 5:4).

8. Christ

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful (Colossians 3:15).

9. Consolation of Israel

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him (Luke 2:25).

10. Deliverer

... and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob ..." (Romans 11:26).

11. Immanuel

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us") (Matthew 1:23).

12. Faithful and True Witness

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation" (Revelation 3:14).

13. The Gate

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture" (John 10:7–9).

14. God

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:27–28)!

15. Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).

16. Heir of All Things

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe (Hebrews 1:1–2).

17. High Priest

Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself (Hebrews 7:26–27).

18. Holy and Righteous One

You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you (Acts 3:14).

19. Holy One of Israel

Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you," declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 41:14).

20. Horn of Salvation

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (Luke 1:69).

21. I Am

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds (John 8:58–59).

22. King of the Jews

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:1, 2).

23. Lamb of God

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)!

24. Last Adam

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are

those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man" (1 Corinthians 15:45–49).

25. Light of the World

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

26. Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals" (Revelation 5:5).

27. Lord

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet"' (Matthew 22:43, 44).

28. Lord of All

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all (Acts 10:36).

29. Lord of lords and King of kings

They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers (Revelation 17:14).

30. Lord of Glory

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:8).

31. Man of Sorrow

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem (Isaiah 53:3).

32. Master

Remember what I told you: "A servant is not greater than his master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also (John 15:20).

33. Mediator

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time (1 Timothy 2:5, 6).

34. Messiah

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he" (John 4:25–26).

35. Morning Star

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star" (Revelation 22:16).

36. Our Passover Lamb

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed (1 Corinthians 5:7).

37. Pioneer and Perfecter of Our Faith

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1, 2).

38. Prince of Peace

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

39. Rabbi

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying" (John 1:38)?

40. Resurrection and Life

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25, 26)

41. Righteous One

Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him" (Acts 7:52).

42. Ruler of God's Creation

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation" (Revelation 3:14).

43. Savior

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord (Luke 2:11).

45. Son of Man

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:9–10).

46. Son of David

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham ... (Matthew 1:1).

47. Son of the Most High

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, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end" (Luke 1:32, 33).

48. Spiritual Rock

They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ (1 Corinthians 10:3-5).

49. Way, Truth, and Life

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

50. Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1).

This list isn't exhaustive. The New Testament has many more names and titles for Jesus like:

- Advocate (1 John 2:1)
- Bridegroom (Matthew 9:15)
- Indescribable Gift (2 Corinthians 9:15)
- And many more!