

Faith In The Name Of Jesus: 3

The Name of Jesus is Above Every Name

Acts 3.1-10, 16

Peter & John were on their way to the Temple

- the hour of prayer – ninth hour (3pm)
- lame man (from birth) – begging at the Beautiful Gate
- asks Peter & John for some money
- the lame man expected to receive (he had faith – even if it was in the wrong thing)
- We don't have money but we do have something – the Name (the power and authority of the name)

The power is in the Name of Jesus – we need to believe and put our faith in the Name.

The Greatness of His Name is described in the Scriptures:

The Scriptures describe the greatness of the Name of Jesus. The prophets foretold how great His name would be.

“...and His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – **Isaiah 9.6**

His name will be called...JESUS

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins”.... “ **Matthew 1.21**

Jesus means ‘Saviour’ –

- He is the one who saves us from our sin
- He saves us from sickness
- He saves us from oppression of the devil
- He saves us from bondages and habits
- He saves us from poverty
- Jesus is the one who saves us from anything that we need saving from

“AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED” **Acts 2.21**

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” **Acts 4.12**

His name will be called ...EMMANUEL

“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL, which is translated, "God with us.” – **Matthew 1.23**

The name Emmanuel means ‘God with Us’

God’s revealed name in the Old Testament was I AM - Several times Jesus attributed this name to Himself

“And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. ” **John 6.35**

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” ” **John 8.12**

“Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep**. All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” **John 10.7-9**

“**I am the good shepherd**. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep” **John 10.11**

“Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life**. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live” **John 11.25**

“Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” **John 14.6**

“**I am the vine**, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” **John 15.5**

“Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.” **John 8.58-59**

They took up stones to stone Him – they knew exactly what Jesus was saying: He was God

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, **I am** there in the midst of them.” **Matthew 18.20**

Where we meet in His name – the Great I AM is present in our midst.

Faith in the name of Jesus pleases God

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must **believe that He is**, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” Hebrews 11.6

The Name of Jesus is above every name:

As we have seen, Emmanuel means God with us. Jesus was God in the flesh, living among us.

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory” **1 Timothy 3.16**

“And the Word [God] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” **John 1.14**

Jesus came in the likeness of men and was found in appearance as a man.

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, (6) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, (7) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. (9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, (11) and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **Philippians 2.5-11**

- God has highly exalted Jesus – His name is above every name.
- Every knee should bow to the name of Jesus – every knee in heaven, every knee on earth, every knee under the earth.

“ [Jesus, who is seated] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.” **Ephesians 1.21**

Every thing that has a name must bow its knee to the Name of Jesus

- sickness, disease, infirmity – e.g. cancer, diabetes, arthritis
- addictions/habits – e.g. drug addiction, alcoholic addiction, gambling
- character traits – e.g. anger, wrath, malice, self-control
- oppression, depression, mood swings
- poverty, lack