

The Name of Jesus

Introduction

The defining centrality and redeeming reality of the bible is Jesus.

An extended series of the almost-countless biblical names, spiritual indicators and loving representations of Jesus are reverently resounded in the following quotations.

I know the lands that are sunk in shame,
Where souls faint and tire;
And I know the name, the name, the name,
That can set those lands on fire.

-Anonymous

The Name

The angel said unto Mary, “Don’t be afraid, for thou has found favor with God ... thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.” (Luke 1:30-31)

And the angel said unto Joseph, “Don’t be afraid to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus.” (Mat. 1:20-21)

With his mighty power ... the father of glory ... raised Jesus from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion; and above every name that can be named, not only in this world, but also in that world which is to come. (Eph. 1:17-22)

And there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

For God has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow ... and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Phil. 2:9-11)

From the Garden of Eden to Bethlehem

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, “Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field. Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed. He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Gen. 3:14)

And the sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (Gen. 49:10)

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isa. 7:14)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6)

And a man shall be as hiding place from the wind; as a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. (Isa. 32:2)

And thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be the tiniest of townships among the villages of Judah, out of thee shall he come forth unto me who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:2)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” (Mat. 2:1-2)

And the star went before them and stood over where the young child was; and when they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mat. 2:9-11)

From Bethlehem to Golgotha

And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, and the grace of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52)

And God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with great power, and Jesus went about doing good, and God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Then came Jesus into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15)

And the common people heard him gladly. (Mark 12:37)

But when the chief priests and scribes and elders saw the wonderful things that Jesus did, they were sore displeased and filled with wrath. (Mat. 21:15)

And they angrily cried:

"By what authority doest thou these things? Who gave you this authority?" (Mat. 21:23)

"You cast out devils by the power of the devil. You are in league with Beelzebub." (Mark 3:22)

And they watched him, and sent forth spies that they might entrap him in his words. (Luke 20:20) (Mark 12:13)

Then Jesus went about all Galilee preaching the gospel, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people. And his fame went out through all the land, and there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judaea, and from beyond the Jordan. (Mat. 4:23-25)

And when Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. (Mat. 9:36)

Then Jesus went up into a mountain; and when he was set his disciples came unto him, and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
- “Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.”
- “Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.”
- “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.”
- “Blessed are the merciful; for they shall receive mercy.”
- “Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.”
- “Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.”
- “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
- “Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” (Mat. 5:1-12)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its savor, it is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men.” (Mat. 5:13)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Mat. 5:14-16)

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Mat. 11:28-30)

Then came Jesus into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, where he said unto his disciples, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man shall come and reward every man according to his own works.” (Mat 16:13, 24-27)

The disciples said unto Jesus, “When shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Mat. 24:3)

Jesus answered them, and said, “There shall be wars and rumors of wars. Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom shall rise against kingdom. And there shall be famine and pestilence, and earthquake and peril, and sorrow and suffering, and offense and affliction, and hatred and betrayal. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” (Mat 24:6-12)

“As the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth unto the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Man be. The sun shall be darkened, the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven. Then shall the Son of Man come with power and glory, and with his holy angels. And they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Mat. 24:27-31)

“And he shall sit upon the throne of his glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations. And he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.” (Mat. 25:31-32)

“Two men shall be in one bed; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two men shall be in the field; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.” (Luke 17:34-36) (Mat. 24:40-41)

“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels which are in heaven, nor the Son, but my Father only.” (Mark 13:32) (Mat. 24:36)

“Watch therefore, and be ready, for you know not the hour in which your Lord shall come.” (Mat. 24:42-44) (Luke 12:40)

“But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.” (Luke 21:28)

“From that time forth, Jesus began to say unto his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem; that he must suffer many things at the hands of the chief priests and scribes and elders; that he must be killed; and that on the third day he would rise from the grave. (Mat. 16:21)

Then came Jesus unto a place called Gethsemane, where he began to be sore amazed and filled with heaviness, and he said unto his disciples, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful even unto death. Tarry you here and watch, while I go yonder and pray.” (Mat. 26:36-38)

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face and prayed, saying, “O Abba, Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done.” (Mat. 26:39) (Mark 14:35-36)

And being in deep agony, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became as great drops of blood falling to the ground. And an angel came down from heaven and strengthened him. (Luke 22:43-44)

Then Jesus said unto his disciples, “Sleep on now, and take your rest; the hour is come, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.” (Mat. 26:45)

Then the chief priests and scribes and elders assembled together and consulted among themselves how they might take Jesus, and kill him. (Mat. 26:3-4)

And the high priest rent his garments, and angrily cried, “What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard his blasphemies! What say you?” And each member of the Sanhedrin (save Joseph, and possibly Nicodemus) answered and said, “He is worthy of death, let him be crucified.” (Mat. 26:65-66) (Luke 23:51)

And Pilate said unto the people, “What, then, shall I do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?” And with one voice, the people shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” (Mat. 27:22-26) (Mark 15:13-14)

And the voices of them, and of the chief priests, prevailed. (Luke 23:23)

And Pilate, seeking to please the multitude, said unto them, “Take him, and crucify him.” (Mark 15:15) (John 19:6)

And bearing his cross, Jesus went forth into the place of a skull; which, in the Hebrew tongue, is called Golgotha, and there they crucified him. (John 19:17-18)

And there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour, when Jesus cried with a loud voice, and said, “FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT,” and bowed his head, and died. (Luke 23:44-46)

Echoes from Golgotha

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8)

All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned ever one to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief. He bore our grief and carried our sorrow. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. The punishment for our sin was laid on him; and with his stripes, we are healed. (Isa. 53:3-7)

Montage:

- He was hated and scorned. (John 7:7; 15:25) (Mark 5:40)
- And cursed and reviled. (Mat 27:39)
- And mocked and jeered. (Mat. 27:29) (Mark 15:16-20)
- And betrayed and forsaken. (Mat. 26:48) (Mark 14:50)
- And arrested and bound. (Mark 15:1)
- And accused and condemned. (Mark 15:3)
- And stripped and scourged. (Mat. 27:26-28)
- And battered and beaten with their fists. (Mark 14:65)
- And they did spit in his face! (Isa. 50:6) (Mat. 27:30) (Mark 15:19)

Compendium:

My God, my God, why? Why has thou forsaken me? Why do my cries of anguish bring no help?

Multitudes of the wicked have encompassed me. They march around me in great circles of anger and hatred. They strike me and beat me with violent blows. They mock and jeer and laugh me to scorn. They look and stare at me with the eyes of a vulture. They

gape upon me with their mouths as a roaring and ravening lion. They pierce my hands and my feet. They part my clothing among them.

They gamble for my garments. They shoot out their lips with vile and vulgar curses. They shake their heads, and tauntingly cry: "He saved others, himself he can not save." "He trusted in the Lord, let the Lord deliver him." And since he is so dear to the Eternal, let the eternal come to his rescue." (Psalm 22) (Mat. 27:41-43)

But in him there was no rebellion. (Isa. 50:5)

When he was reviled, he reviled not in return. When he suffered, he made no threats of vengeance. (I Pet. 2:23)

He was meek and lowly in heart. (Mat. 11:29)

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearer is dumb, he opened not his mouth. He answered them not a word. (Isa. 53:7) (Mat. 27:14)

He gave his back to those who beat him. He gave his cheeks to those who plucked out his beard. And he turned not away from those who did spit in his face. (Isa. 50:6)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, and became obedient unto death; even the death of the cross. (Phil. 2:5-8)

Beyond Golgotha

Now in the place where he was crucified, there was a garden; and in the garden was a new tomb in which no man had ever been lain. (John 19:41)

As the deep darkness of night again gathered over the hill called Golgotha, Joseph and Nicodemus came and took the body of Jesus down from the cross, and wrapped it in fine linen, with myrrh and aloes, and laid it in the new tomb, and rolled a great stone over the door of the sepulchre. (Mark 15:43-46) (John 19:38-40)

And the Sabbath drew on toward its close. (Luke 23:54)

And when the Sabbath was past ... very early in the morning ... near the rising of the sun ... as the darkness began to dawn toward the first day of the week ... Mary Magdalene, and other daughters of Jerusalem, came again to the garden and found the stone rolled away from the door of the sepulchre; and when they had entered in and found not the body of Jesus, they were much perplexed and filled with fear, and they bowed their faces down toward the ground. (Luke 24:1-5) (John 20:1)

And the angel of the Lord said unto them, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. Why seek you the living among the dead? He is not here, he is risen. Come see the place where the Lord lay, and go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.” (Mat. 28:2-7) (Luke 24:5)

Then, after his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus showed himself alive by many infallible proofs, and was seen on earth for forty days, and spoke again and again of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)

Then Jesus led them up into a mountain above Bethany, and said unto them: (Luke 24:50)

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” (Mat. 28:18)

“And you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you. And you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and Judaea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

“Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Mat 28:19-20)

And when he had spoken these words, he was taken up from them, and a cloud received him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)

And Jesus entered into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
(Heb. 1:3)

And there he lives forever to make intercession for all who come unto God by him.
(Heb. 7:25)

And two angels came down from heaven and stood by them upon the mountain, and said unto them, “You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? In like manner as you have seen him go away, this same Jesus shall come again.” (Acts 1:10-11)

(Jesus once said:) “Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again.” (John 14:1-3)

(Peter said:) “We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received great honor and glory when the voice of God came down from heaven, and said of him, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. And this voice we heard when we were with him in the holy mount. We now have a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto you do well that you take heed as unto a light which shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the daystar rises in your hearts. For we now know that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (II Peter 1:16-21)

(John said:) “Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” (I John 3:2)

“Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him.” (Rev. 1:7)

(Paul said:) “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these.” (I Thess. 4:16-18)

Invocation

O Alpha and Omega, Friend:
O First and Last, Beginning, End.
O Sheltering Rock in burning land;
O Captain of God’s ransomed band.
O Shiloh, Scepter, Shepherd, Light;
O Morning Star so pure and bright.
O Root, and Stem, and Branch, and Horn.
O Master, Servant, lowly born.
O Prophet, Priest, and King and Guide;
O Bridegroom, Bread of Life, abide.
O Balm of Gilead so nigh;
O Prince and Dayspring from on high.
O Rose of Sharon, Lily, Vine;
O Resurrection, Truth and Sign.
O Lamb so Meek, and Lion strong;
O Author of salvation’s song.
O Son of God, and Son of Man;
O Christ of God’s eternal plan.
O Savior, Son, and Way, and Door;
O Hiding Place forevermore.
O come, Lord Jesus, come!
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