

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Lamb of God

The Word

Christ

King of Kings

Son of God

Emmanuel -
God with Us

Jesus

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But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him **Jesus**, because **He will save** his people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him **Immanuel**, which is translated “**God is with us.**” – Matthew 1:20-23

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This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.
– 1 John 4:2

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Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. – Philippians 2:6-7

“made Himself nothing” = emptied Himself, humbled Himself

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“Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with that glory I had with you before the world existed.” – John 17:5

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2.) He accepted the limitations of being human

e.g. Hunger, thirst, the need for sleep, exhaustion, etc.

For surely it is not the angels He helps, but the descendants of Abraham. For this reason He had to be made like His brothers **in every way.** – Hebrews 2:16-17a (BSB)

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3.) He cried out to God the Father

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Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, the Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does these things." – John 5:19

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Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.” – Matthew 26:39

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“Or do you think that I cannot call on My Father, and He will provide Me here and now with more than twelve legions of angels?” – Matthew 26:53

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God presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus. – Romans 3:26

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Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens — Jesus the Son of God — let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. – Hebrews 4:14-16

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For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. – Romans 8:29

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As fully human and fully God, Jesus is always “God With Us”
as we share the gospel

Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age.”

– Matthew 28:18-20

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For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus. – 1 Timothy 2:5

Now a mediator is not just for one person alone...
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