

## “The Wonder of a Name”

The Wonder of Christmas Sermon Series  
December 4, 2016 – The Second Week of Advent

Two of the four Gospels are s\_\_\_\_\_ on what we call Christmas.  
Mark and John say \_\_\_\_\_ about the birth of Jesus.  
Luke tells the story from M\_\_\_\_\_ point of view.

Luke wants his readers to know that Jesus is for e\_\_\_\_\_!  
Matthew tells us J\_\_\_\_\_ side of the story. Matt 1:22-23, Isaiah 9:6  
Matthew demonstrates that Jesus is the long-awaited M\_\_\_\_\_!

### I. The One Detail They Both Include is \_\_\_\_\_.

In both Matthew and Luke the angel instructs them to name the  
child J\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 1:21, Luke 1:31

### II. In the Bible, Names Hold Great Meaning

Abram becomes A\_\_\_\_\_ (The Father of Many Nations)  
Jesus renames Simon to P\_\_\_\_\_. You will be my rock! Matt 16:18

### III. Why Jesus? What Is So Special about that Name?

Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name J\_\_\_\_\_.  
This was a name of h\_\_\_\_\_ to every Jew. It was the name of  
Moses’ successor, J\_\_\_\_\_ who had led them to the  
promised land following Moses’ death.

He was born into slavery in Egypt and given the Hebrew name  
*Hoshea*, which means salvation, conveying a future hope.  
Hoshea was chosen by Moses. Numbers 13:1-3, 8, 16.  
Moses changed Hoshea’s name.

Jehova (Yahweh) God’s name, + Hoshea = Yehoshua or Joshua  
The new name means “The Lord is salvation” or “God saves.”  
That is exactly what Joshua did saving them from the w\_\_\_\_\_  
and leading them into the Promised land of milk and honey.  
Numbers 14:6-11, foreshadows the life before the Christ child.



No matter what you’ve done, God is for you, not against you.  
This is what it means for Jesus to be the Savior of the entire world.

Action Steps: 1. Read the Christmas story and remember the baby  
born is a S\_\_\_\_\_, Messiah, Christ, Lord. Luke 2:10-11  
2. Follow Jesus’ example for all the world. Philippians 2:3-11  
3. Say, “Yes!” to your new name, C\_\_\_\_\_ meaning  
Christ- follower.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to  
a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to  
a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and  
said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”<sup>[a]</sup> But  
she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what  
sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do  
not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with  
God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a  
son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and  
will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God  
will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will  
reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom  
there will be no end.”

Luke 1: 26-33



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