



I. INTRO

A. Naming rights

- There is a lot that goes into naming a baby!

Question: What are Olivia and Liam?

B. Mary and Joseph didn't have to answer the question "what should we name him?"

Matthew 1:18-23 (NLT) ¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will (Repeat with me) save his people from their sins." ²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: ²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

II. THE WORLD OPERATES ON A SYSTEM OF WORDS AND NAMES

A. God framed the world with words and names

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- Your worldview is the frame through which you view your world
- Your beliefs will create a frame through which you view life and the world around you

Proverbs 18:21 (MSG) Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

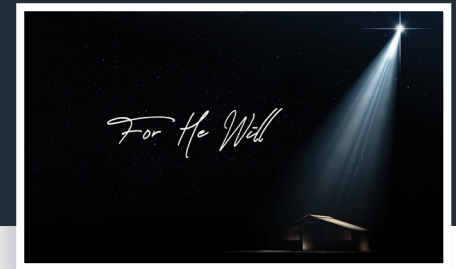
B. You choose the power that words and names have

III. FOR HE WILL SAVE

A. The name of Jesus

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV) ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, (TPT: He has now been given the greatest of all names!) ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 1:21 (NLT) And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.



- **Greek word for save is Sozo:** "saved, healed, delivered, preserved, to be or do well, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger and destruction, to make well, heal, restore to health."

B. The power of the name above all names

Acts 3:1-6 (NIV) One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Mark 16:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

- The name of Jesus can free you from the words and names that have left an imprint on your soul

Acts 3:12 (NIV) When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

Acts 3:16 (NIV) By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Acts 4:12 (NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

- This is why we call the Gospel the Good News

C. Be careful what you allow in your frame