



I. INTRO

- A. What's in a name?
- B. The world operates on a system of words and names, and it's powerful
 - Your beliefs will create a frame through which you view life and the world around you
- C. You respond when someone calls your name

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

II. THE NAME OF JESUS

- A. Let the Name of Jesus paint a new picture in your life

Matthew 1:20-23 (NLT) 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 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.'"

- B. Every word and name responds to Jesus name

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV) ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 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.

- C. There were many times that God changed the names of people in the bible

III. WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

Matthew 21:9-11 (NIV) ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

- A. Who is Jesus to you?
 - They didn't see Jesus for who HE was, but who THEY thought He was
- B. When someone calls our name – we respond



C. What kind of Jesus are you looking for?

- Quick-fix Jesus?
- A convenient Jesus?
- An accessory Jesus?

Colossians 3:17 (NLT) And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

- A “casual” Jesus?

D. Who is Jesus to me?

- Christianity isn't about behavior modification, it's about a heart transformation

E. When someone calls your name, you respond. So will Jesus – call His name

John 1:12 (NIV) Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God