



A.K.A. Jesus of Nazareth

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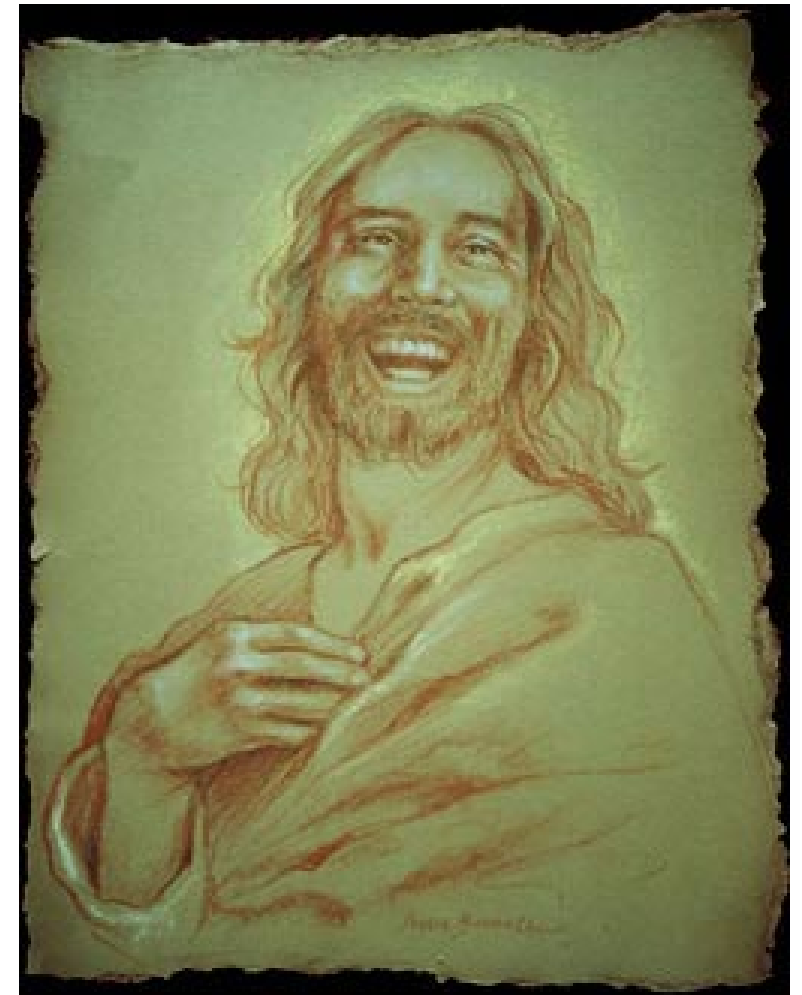
JOSEPH AND MARY NAMED HIM...JESUS

Angel to Mary (Lk 1:31) and to Joseph (Mt 1:21)

- **Yeshua** ben Yosef (Hebrew, Nazareth)
- **Jesus** of Nazareth (English, on mission)

Also Known As...

- **Immanuel** (Mt 1:23, Isa 7:14)
- a **Saviour**, who is **Christ**, the **Lord** (Lk 2:11-12)
- **Son of the Most High** (Lk 1:32)
- **My Lord** (Lk 1:43)
- **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace** (Isa 9:6)



WHY DOES JESUS HAVE SO MANY NAMES?

There are more than 100 different names (or titles) of Jesus in the New Testament.

Each name or title reveals a different aspect of Jesus' character and ministry.

A word cloud featuring various names and titles for Jesus. The central text is 'JESUS CHRIST' in large, bold, red and blue letters. Surrounding it are numerous other titles in various colors and fonts, including: 'BREAD OF LIFE', 'Lord of All', 'HOLY ONE', 'REDEEMER', 'SAVIOR', 'OUR PEACE', 'Lamb of God', 'ANointed ONE', 'DELIVERER', 'MIGHTY ONE', 'WORD OF GOD', 'IMMANUEL', 'GOD WITH US', 'ALPHA & OMEGA', 'King of Kings', 'Lord of Lords', 'BELOVED SON', 'WONDERFUL COUNSELOR', 'MIGHTY GOD', 'GOOD SHEPHERD', 'EVERLASTING FATHER', 'PRINCE OF PEACE', 'THE WAY', 'THE TRUTH', 'THE LIFE', 'LION OF JUDAH', and 'MESSIAH'.



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Some locate Jesus within the story of God, the story of God's world, the story of God's people, and the story of Salvation

- Lord / I AM / God (Romans 9, John 1:1, 21:28) / Son of God / Son of Man
- Logos (Word) / Creator (John 1:13, Col 1:16)
- Christ / Son of David / The Vine / Head of the Church
- Jesus / Redeemer / Saviour



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- Bread of Life
- Light of the World
- Man of Sorrows



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- Good Shepherd / Great High Priest
- Head of the Church
- Resurrection and Life



ARE SOME NAMES “BETTER” THAN OTHERS

Some names, e.g., Jesus / Christ / Lord, carry more theological weight than others for they tell a bigger part of God’s story; but every name is a path into the story of God.

- Explore the particular story using the eyes of your heart
- Reflect upon the flow of the full Story

We need not be limited to only the names found in the Bible, “new names” can connect us to our experience of Jesus, to the great story of the Bible, and highlight Jesus’ character or his mission. They are our testimony.

In prayer and in conversation we should be thoughtful of the name we use in addressing Jesus or speaking of him to others.

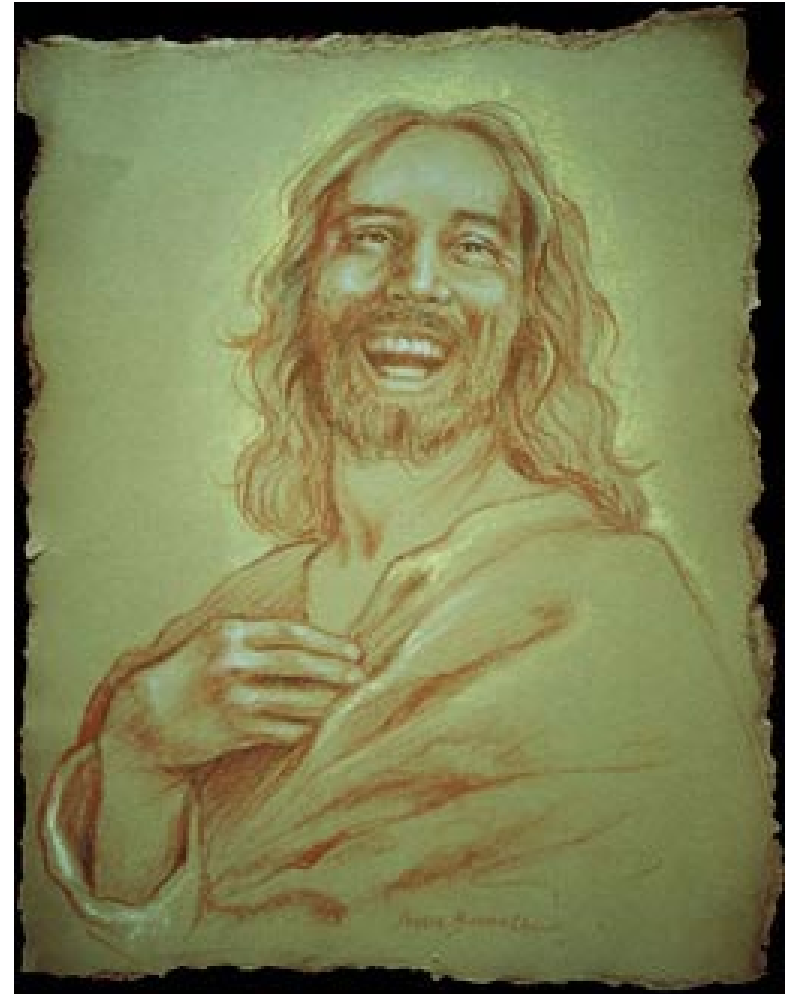
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For the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, **a friend of tax collectors and sinners!**'”

Matthew 11:19

Terror of the Pharisees. “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You blind fools! You snakes, you brood of vipers!

Matthew 23:1-36



KNOWING THE NAMES OF JESUS

- Thomas, MY Lord and My God
- Elizabeth, MY Lord
- Mary Magdalene, *Rabbouni* (which means teacher)
- No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12)

How rich and diverse is our experience of Jesus?