

Bible Study: Names of Christ

Purpose: To show the group what God's people call Jesus, and what the Lord calls Himself. This is a more discussion-based Bible study, with fewer questions and hopefully more thought provoking input by the group. Open by asking people if they have any nicknames or if they have friends that they have given nicknames. Relate this to how Jesus has many names, but is still the same.

Old Testament:

Title	Meaning/Significance of names	Bible reference
Immanuel	God with us	Isaiah 7:14
Prince of Peace	Jesus will bring everlasting peace	Isaiah 9:6
Wonderful Advisor	Jesus will always rule with honesty and justice	Isaiah 9:6
Mighty God	Jesus is supreme	Isaiah 9:6
Eternal Father	Jesus is eternal	Isaiah 9:6

New Testament:

Title	Meaning/Significance of names	Bible reference
Son of God	The special relationship of Jesus to God	Mark 1:1
Son of Man	The human identity of Jesus	Matthew 8:20
Son of David	Jesus is descendant of King David	Matthew 15:22
Word	Jesus revealed God	John 1:1
Lamb of God	Jesus is the sacrifice for world's sin	John 1:29
Christ	The Greek for 'Anointed One'	Matthew 16:16
Savior	The one who saves	John 4:14
Rabbi/Teacher	Jesus taught people about God	John 1:38, Mark 5:35
Author of life	One who gives life	Acts 3:15
Alpha and Omega	The first and last letters of the Greek alphabets, meaning that Jesus is the beginning and the end	Revelation 1:8
Lion of Judah	A title of the Messiah	Revelation 5:5
King of Kings/Lord of Lords	The ruler of all people	Revelation 19:16
Bright Morning Star	The one who gives light	Revelation 22:16
Word of God	Jesus is the voice of God	Revelation 19:13
Holy and Righteous	Attributes of Jesus	Acts 3:14
Head of the Church	The leader of all Christians	Ephesians 5:23

Questions:

- Which name of Jesus has the most meaning to you, and why?
- How can one person have so many descriptions, and still be one person?
- Do you think the name of Jesus has been watered down through translation?

Who Jesus says He is:

Jesus said 'I am' on seven occasions. Each 'I am' is a description Jesus gave of Himself and is recorded in John's Gospel. The Seven 'I am' sayings help us better understand the divinity of Jesus Christ.

1. Bread

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger." *John 6:35*

2. Light

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

3. Gate

"I am the gate; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." *John 10:9*

4. Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for His sheep." *John 10:11*

5. Resurrection and Life

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies." *John 11:25*

6. Way, Truth, Life

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." *John 14:6*

7. True vine

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser." *John 15:1*