**Who Is This Jesus?**

**Introduction:**

People throughout the ages have had many ideas of who Jesus was. But by examining the Word of God, we can come to better understand Him when we see the wide variety of names by which He is called.

**Body:**

1. **The Son of God**

* The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces this about the child she would bear. (Luke 1:35) “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One which is to be born will be called the Son of God.’ ” NKJV The writer of Hebrews affirms this as well. (Hebrews 4:14) “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, Let us hold fast our confession.” NKJV
* John informs us of an additional detail concerning Jesus sonship. (John 1:14, 18) “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father. He has declared Him.” NKJV Jesus is the “only begotten” Son of God – the unique one. (John 3:16) “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Hebrews 1:5) “For to which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You’? And again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son’?” NKJV Jesus is fully divine. (Colossians 1:19) “For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,” NKJV

1. **The Messiah**

* Listen to the words of Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. (John 1:41) “He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated, the Christ). NKJV Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One. This was prophesied in Psalm 2:1-2. “Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed. saying,” NKJV It was fulfilled by Jesus. (Matthew 1:16) “And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.” (John 4:25-26) “The woman said to Him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When He comes, He will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am He.’ ” NKJV
* Jesus was appointed by God with a specific plan and purpose.

1. **Immanuel**

* Jesus is also called Immanuel, which means “God with us.” (Matthew 1:23) “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us.” NKJV This had been prophesied by Isaiah in Isaiah 7:14. “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” NKJV
* Jesus was born on earth in human form and lived among us, being tempted just like we are. (Hebrews 4:15) “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” NKJV (Hebrews 5:7-9) “who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,” NKJV
* Jesus continues to be with us. (Matthew 28:19-20) “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the Age. Amen.” NKJV

1. **King of Kings/Lord of Lords**

* Jesus is called this twice in Revelation. (Revelation 17:14) “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” (Revelation 19:16) “And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” NKJV This means He is King over all. (I Timothy 6:15) “which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,” NKJV
* Micah prophesied about a ruler being born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2) “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” NKJV
* Jesus is also Lord of all. (Acts 10:36) “The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all” - NKJV And Lord over all. (Romans 10:12) “For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.” NKJV
* By His resurrection, He has become Lord of the dead and the living. (Romans 14:9) “For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” NKJV

1. **Good Shepherd**

* Jesus describes Himself. (John 10:11) “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His live for the sheep.” NKJV This was prophesied by Ezekiel in Ezekiel 34:23. “I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them – My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.” NKJV
* The writer of Hebrews describes Jesus as the Great Shepherd. (Hebrews 13:20) “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,” NKJV
* The Shepherd means He is the guardian of our souls. (I Peter 2:25) “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” NKJV
* As the Chief Shepherd, He will give us a crown of glory. (I Peter 5:4) “and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.” NKJV

1. **Lamb of God**

* Listen to how Jesus is described in John 1:29. “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ” NKJV He is depicted as the slain Lamb in Revelation 5:6, 9, 12) “And I looked, and behold in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.” “9 And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,’ ” “12 Saying with a loud voice: ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!’ ” NKJV
* The blood of the Lamb has the power to redeem us – to pay the penalty for our sins.

(I Peter 1:18-19) “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” NKJV The Lamb becomes our ransom.

**Conclusion:**

The Bible reveals many other names of Jesus: Almighty, Mediator, Prince of Peace. . . Each of us should strive to call Him “Savior.”

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