

The Names of Jesus – Part 1

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Around this time of the year, many people are thinking about the birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12). Many people are thinking about Jesus as a baby/child.

This portrait of Jesus is not demanding and intimidating. While it is certainly a biblical way to view Jesus, there is so much more that we need to understand about Him.

It is interesting that the miraculous birth of Jesus was no big secret to those who witnessed it (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7). Notice how 700 years in advance, Isaiah announced the coming of Jesus! In fact, in addition to announcing His birth, the prophet also described Him in four specific ways. He gives four specific names to the child who would come and save the world from sin.

We will consider those four names of Jesus on this Lord's Day. I will present the first two, and Matt will present the final two tonight.

I. Wonderful Counselor

- A. Jesus is this to us at the highest degree!
 - 1. He **made** us (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:13-17).
 - 2. He lived as one of us (Hebrews 4:15).
 - 3. He **knows** everything (John 2:24-25; Colossians 1:15-17).
- B. How should we respond?
 - 1. We need to seek His **counsel**. We need to seek His above anyone else's!
 - 2. We need to **listen** to Him (Matthew 7:24).

II. Mighty God

- A. He is more than a good man or prophet (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1).
 - 1. He received worship (Matthew 14:33).
 - 2. He was acknowledged to be this by Thomas (John 20:26-29).
- B. How should we respond?
 - 1. We need to **worship** Him. All three members of the godhead are worthy of this!
 - 2. We need to **trust** Him. There is nothing we go through that He can't help us overcome (Proverbs 3:5-8).
 - 3. We need to **fear** Him. He sees all that we do and He will judge us on the last day (2 Corinthians 5:10; John 12:48).
 - 4. We need to **obey** Him (Luke 6:46; John 14:15).

Conclusion: Are you willing to accept Jesus for all that Isaiah says that He is? If so, are you following Him right now in your life?

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