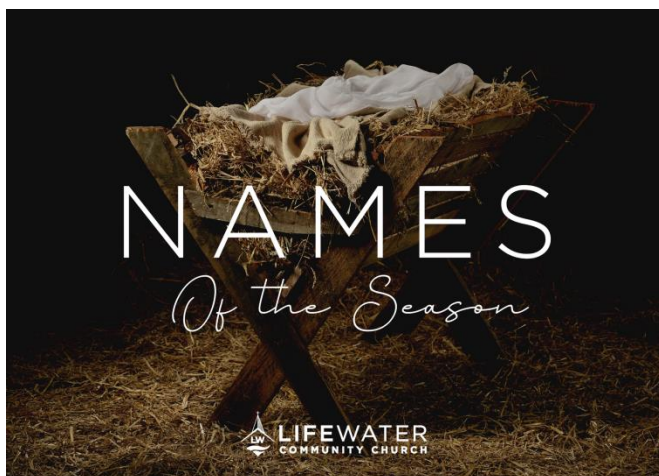


LifeGroup Sermon Series Study

2021-2022

Series Three



Names of the Season



This week I've had many people come to me with concerns, anxiety, discouragement, and depression. They say life is out of control. They feel overwhelmed and just want to take a break. (I am writing this in the first week of November; we aren't even in the bustle of the Christmas season yet.)

These past few years have been rough and many of us have experienced a sense of loss. For some we have lost our peace, finances, and motivation. For others we have lost our routines, our way of living, and our freedoms.

It sounds a lot like what Joseph and Mary were experiencing that cold December night that we celebrate as Christmas. A baby was coming, a census was being taken, a move was required, a name needed to be chosen. So much to do at such a difficult time.

This Christmas we will look at five names that God gave the Messiah as He came to earth as a human baby boy. Once again, God doesn't choose names for the way they sound, their popularity, or after a relative. God chooses names based on purpose, mission, and meaning. Each name has significance to God's plan and purpose for the Messiah. In the scriptures we can see these names played out in accordance with the will of God.

May we pause, plan, and be purposeful in making time to enjoy the season and its significance, and to experience the amazing miracle Of God coming to mankind, as a man, to save mankind.

Glory in the Highest!

Pastor Doug

“Names of the Season”

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“Names of the Season” - Jesus
Luke 1:31
Lesson 1

I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand the significance of the name Jesus.
- B. To help us know the purpose behind the name Jesus.
- C. To help us see how we can be impacted by this name.

II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?

- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline - Three observations of the name Jesus:
 - 1. The (_____) of the name. Luke 1:31

 - 2. The (_____) of the purpose behind the name.
Exodus 3:14; Matthew 1:21

 - 3. The (_____) authority of the name. Philippians 2:9-10

- C. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?

- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Matthew 1:1, 1:18; 3:13; Luke 2:52, John 5:18, Acts 19:5; Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 12:3.

Lesson 1 cont.

IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

- A. Do you think God cares about names? Why or why not?

- B. Why do you think God wanted the Messiah to be called Jesus?

- C. How does the name Jesus impact you (your priorities, goals, hopes and dreams and joys)?

- D. Is there authority with the name Jesus? Why or why not?

- E. Is it significant to you that every knee will bow to the name Jesus? Why or why not?

V. **Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about the Messiah's name?

VI. **Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

Spend a few minutes in silent prayer about your next step.

VII. **Community that Looks Ahead:**

- A. The scripture next week is Matthew 1:23.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

“Names of the Season” - Immanuel
Matthew 1:23
Lesson 2

I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand the significance of this name.
- B. To help us know God’s greatest desire.
- C. To help us see the miracle of the concept of incarnation.

II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?

- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline - Three observations of the name Immanuel:
 - 1. The meaning behind the (_____) name. Isaiah 7:14

 - 2. The meaning of (_____) in the flesh. Matthew 1:23

 - 3. The meaning behind God’s (_____) desire. Genesis 3:8-9

- C. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?

- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Genesis 2:19-20, 3:21-24; Exodus 13:21; Isaiah 8:8; and Revelations 21:3.

Lesson 2 cont.

IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)

- A. Is it significant to you that Immanuel means “God with us”? Why or why not?

- B. What does it mean to you that God took on flesh?

- C. Why would God want to become man?

- D. Why do you think that God’s greatest desire is to have a personal relationship with you?

- E. Why are you so important?

- F. Why do you think God chose this plan (God took on flesh)?

V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about the Messiah’s name?

VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

Spend a few minutes and share what your next step is and how you are doing. Then pray silently for the person on your right.

VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Luke 2:11-12.
- B. If you missed Sunday’s sermon, watch online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week’s questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

“Names of the Season” - Christ
Luke 2:11-12
Lesson 3

I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand the connection with the name Jesus.
- B. To help us know the significance of the name Christ.
- C. To help us see the connection to the promised Messiah.

II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?

- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline - Three observations of the name Christ:
 - 1. The (_____) of the name Christ. Matthew 1:16

 - 2. The connection of the name Christ to the (_____).
Mark 1:1; Luke 2:11-12

 - 3. The ultimate (_____) of Christ.
Matthew 16:15-16; Luke 2:25-35

- C. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?

- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Acts 2:36, 17:3; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 1:23, 15:17; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Ephesians 4:32.

Lesson 3 cont.

IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

- A. How does the name Christ impact our salvation?

- B. What is the difference between Jesus and Christ?

- C. Do you think it is significant that the angels were the first to announce the name Christ? Why or why not?

- D. How can Christ sometimes be translated Messiah?

- E. What is the mission of Christ and how does that impact you? How does this truth impact the way you view Christmas?

V. **Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start doing or stop doing because of what you learned about the Messiah's name?

VI. **Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

Spend a few minutes sharing about your next step then have a couple people pray.

VII. **Community that Looks Ahead:**

- A. The scriptures next week are John 1:1-14.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

“Names of the Season” - The Word
John 1:1-14
Lesson 4

I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand how a Jew would have interpreted the name “Word”.
- B. To help us know how the Greeks would have understood the name “Word”.
- C. To help us see the significance of the name “Word”.

II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?
- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline: Three observations of the Christmas name Word:
 - 1. The (_____) of the Jewish concept of the name Word. John 1:1
 - 2. The (_____) of the Greek use of the name Word. John 1:1
 - 3. The (_____) power of the name Word given to the Son. John 1:1-14
- C. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?
- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Genesis 1:3; Psalm 104:2; John 3:16; Colossians 1:15, 17; Hebrews 1:1-2; Revelation 22:5.

Lesson 4 cont.

IV. **Community that Applies: (20 minutes)**

- A. In what ways do you relate to the Jewish concept of the Word?

- B. In what ways do you relate to the Greek concept of the Word?

- C. Why was it brilliant for John to use this particular name for the Messiah?

- D. How could this name be a stumbling block for both Jews and Greeks?

- E. Is it significant to you that God wants to communicate to you? Why or why not?

- F. How is evolution in direct contradiction with what the Word did?

- G. There are some very specific characteristics of the Word; which one has the greatest significance to you?

V. **Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)**

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about the Messiah's name?

VI. **Community that Prays: (5 minutes)**

Spend a few minutes in silent prayer about your next step, then have a couple people pray for their next step.

VII. **Community that Looks Ahead:**

- A. The scripture next week is John 1:29.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

“Names of the Season” - The Lamb of God
John 1:29
Lesson 5

I. Purpose:

- A. To help us understand the significance of this name.
- B. To help us know the origin of the name “The Lamb of God”.
- C. To help us see the transition from a lamb to a lion.

II. Community that Cares: (10 minutes)

- A. What is your next step and how are you doing with taking that step?

- B. How are you doing with your 5-5-5 this week?

III. Community that Learns: (15 minutes)

- A. Review the points of the Pastor’s message.
- B. Sermon outline - Three observations of the name The Lamb of God:
 - 1. The (_____) of the lamb. Exodus 12:1-12

 - 2. The (_____) of the name Lamb of God.
John 1:29

 - 3. The (_____) of the name Lamb of God.
John 1:35-42

- C. What really spoke to you, challenged you, or encouraged you in these points?

- D. Additional scriptures to look at: Genesis 22:7-8, Micah 4:5, John 1:12, 1 Corinthians 5:7b, Revelation 5:1-14, 19:6-9, 21:14.

Lesson 5 cont.

IV. Community that Applies: (20 minutes)

- A. Do you struggle to think of the Messiah as a sacrificial lamb? Why or why not?

- B. Why do you think God chose a lamb to be sacrificed that Passover night in Egypt?

- C. Which quality of the lamb have you seen in the way God interacts with you?

- D. In what ways does the criteria for the lamb equal the criteria for the Messiah?

- E. To you, what makes the name Lamb of God significant?

V. Community that is Accountable: (15 minutes)

Is there something you need to start or stop doing because of what you learned about the Messiah's name?

VI. Community that Prays: (5 minutes)

Spend a few minutes sharing your next step then have the person to your left pray for your next step.

VII. Community that Looks Ahead:

- A. The scriptures next week are Luke 10:1-4.
- B. If you missed Sunday's sermon, watch online at www.lifewatercc.org before the next Life Group.
- C. Reflect on next week's questions during your five minutes of daily silence.

Fill in the Blanks

1a	uniqueness	1b	understanding	1c	ultimate
2a	given	2b	God	2c	greatest
3a	meaning	3b	Messiah	3c	mission
4a	magnitude	4b	meaning	4c	monumental
5a	symbolism	5b	significance	5c	supremacy

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