

The Names Jesus Calls Himself
A Series on the Names of God: Part 6

When Jesus was on earth, He used names and titles of Himself that Old Testament Believers would recognize as marks of the Messiah.

Son of Man (the name associated with the eschatological prophecy of Daniel 7:13)

"But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" --then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home." (Matt 9:6; Mark 2:9-11)

The Chief Corner Stone

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,

'The stone which the builders rejected,

This became the chief corner stone;

This came about from the Lord,

And it is marvelous in our eyes'?" (Matt 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17 [Ps 118:22])

True Bread out of Heaven

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. (John 6:32)

I Am

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." (John 8:58)

The Door of the Sheep

So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (John 10:7)

The Good Shepherd

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

While most Jews thought the Messiah was a military Savior, Jesus used names and titles that described His divine purpose.

The Light of the World

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)

The Resurrection and the Life

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25)

The Way, and The Truth, and The Life

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. (John 14:6)

I am the True Vine

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

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After His death and resurrection, the apostle John's heavenly vision depicts Jesus as sovereign King:

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. (Rev 1:12-16)

In the apostle John's vision, Jesus uses names and titles of Himself that reflect His supremely royal and divine status - Lord over all.

The First and The Last

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, (Rev 1:17)

Living One

and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (Rev 1:18)

The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand / The One who walks among the seven golden lampstands

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: (Rev 2:1)

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword

And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: (Rev 2:12)

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: (Rev 2:18)

He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars

To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: "I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." (Rev 3:1)

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: (Rev 3:7)

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: (Rev 3:14)

The root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." (Rev 22:16)

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Prior to the new heaven and new earth, the throne of God was occupied singularly by God (Rev 1:4-8; 4:5-11; 7:9-17; 19:4; 20:11-12). In the new Jerusalem, the throne of God is identified as “the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Rev 22:3), and Jesus identifies Himself with the same title that His Father uses of Himself (Rev 1:8; 21:6-7).

The Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end

Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Rev 22:12-13)