

COLLEGE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Study Guide

# It's All In The Name

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## Major Points

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- 1 God works even during seasons of silence, and He has already done more through Christ than we could ever deserve**  
*Matthew 1:22-23*
- 2 Joseph's righteousness and compassion together model true godliness — standing for truth while extending mercy**  
*Matthew 1:19*
- 3 By Joseph naming Jesus, Christ was legally placed in the line of David, fulfilling God's messianic promise**  
*Matthew 1:21*
- 4 The name Emmanuel reveals that only God Himself — not a mere man — could provide a sacrifice sufficient to atone for the sins of all humanity**  
*Isaiah 7:14*
- 5 Christ did not cling to His divine rights but emptied Himself to become man and die for sinners, modeling true godliness as self-sacrifice rather than self-assertion**  
*Philippians 2:6-8*

## Key Quotes

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- “Peace comes in Christ. If you have Christ, you can have peace. If you have Christ, you can be a peacemaker. Without Christ, there's no peace.”*  
at 0:02
- “if you think God hasn't done something already, you've really missed Jesus at a high, high level”*  
at 8:01
- “if you want to really have compassion, stand for righteousness and love the people you stand for righteousness with. That's what godliness looks like because that's what God does.”*  
at 24:22
- “Godliness looks like laying down our life for somebody, not claiming our rights in opposition to somebody.”*  
at 33:36
- “The birth of Jesus is about life or death. The birth of Jesus is about heaven or hell. The birth of Jesus is about forgiveness of sins and becoming the righteousness of God or about being judged and condemned eternally by God.”*  
at 42:34

*“He didn't hold on to the right of being God so that He could come and be one of us and live a sinless life among us and then willingly lay that sinless life down that He might save us from our sins.*

at 33:03

## Discussion Questions

1. Joseph was called righteous yet also showed compassion by choosing to divorce Mary secretly. How do you balance standing for truth and extending grace in your own relationships?  
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2. The sermon emphasized that God works even in long seasons of silence, such as the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments. How have you experienced God working behind the scenes during a season of apparent silence in your own life?  
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3. By naming Jesus, Joseph legally adopted Him into the line of David and fulfilled messianic prophecy. What does it mean to you that God orchestrates even small legal and cultural details to keep His promises?  
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4. The speaker said that godliness looks like laying down our life for others rather than claiming our rights. In what practical ways can you practice this kind of self-giving love this week?  
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5. The name Emmanuel means 'God with us.' Why is it significant that Jesus had to be fully God — not merely a good man — in order to save humanity from sin?  
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## Word Studies

## Ἰησοῦς Iesous

*Greek*

The Greek form of the Hebrew Yeshua (Joshua), meaning 'Yahweh saves' or 'Yahweh is salvation.' In Matthew 1:21 the angel explicitly connects the name to His saving mission: 'he will save his people from their sins.'

*Usage: 919 times*

## Ἐμμανουήλ Emmanouel

*Greek*

A transliteration of the Hebrew Immanuel (אֱמַנּוּאֵל [ʔəˈmɑːnʊˈʔɛl] μὴ ἄρα ὅτι ἐστὶν ἄρα ὁ θεὸς μετὰ ἡμῶν) New Testament, quoting Isaiah 7:14 to affirm that the child born of a virgin is God Himself dwelling among humanity.

*Usage: 1 time*

## δίκαιος dikaios

*Greek*

Righteous, just, upright. Describes one who conforms to the will of God and lives in accordance with His law. Applied to Joseph in Matthew 1:19 to explain why he felt compelled to dissolve the betrothal, yet his righteousness was tempered by mercy.

*Usage: 79 times*

## Cross References

### 2 Samuel 7:12-13

God's covenant promise to David that his descendant would establish an eternal kingdom — the very promise fulfilled through Joseph's adoption of Jesus into the Davidic line.

### Romans 1:3-4

Paul affirms that Jesus was a descendant of David according to the flesh and declared the Son of God by the resurrection, uniting the dual identity of Jesus as Davidic heir and divine Savior.

### Hebrews 2:14-17

Explains why the incarnation was necessary: Jesus had to share in flesh and blood so that through death He might destroy the power of the devil and make atonement for sins — the theological weight behind Emmanuel, God becoming one of us.

### Galatians 4:4-5

God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law — connecting the virgin birth, legal adoption, and redemptive purpose explored in the sermon.

### Romans 5:18-19

Through one man's obedience (Christ), many are made righteous — underscoring the sermon's point that only the God-man's sacrifice could be sufficient to cover the sins of all humanity.

## Further Reading

- **The Jesus the Gospels Proclaim: The Christology of the Canonical Gospels**  
*by Andreas J. Kostenberger*
- **The Promise-Plan of God: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments**  
*by Walter C. Kaiser Jr.*
- **Knowing God**  
*by J.I. Packer*

## Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
Matthew 1:18-25	Read Aloud	3:00	<i>The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way. Aft...</i>
Matthew 1:16-17	Read Aloud	7:00	<i>Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mary, who ga...</i>
Philippians 2:5-8	Referenced	35:00	<i>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in...</i>
John 1:1	Referenced	34:00	<i>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was wi...</i>
John 1:14	Referenced	34:10	<i>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and ...</i>
Luke 1:13	Read Aloud	40:00	<i>But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zecha...</i>
Luke 1:57-63	Read Aloud	40:30	<i>Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth,...</i>
Isaiah 7:14	Referenced	43:20	<i>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: T...</i>
Isaiah 9:6	Read Aloud	46:40	<i>For a child will be born for us, a Son will be giv...</i>