

Thursday, April 1

In reading the passage of Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem, there were a few names used for Jesus. There are many other Biblical names for Jesus from "lamb of God" to "light of the world." What are other names for Jesus are found in the Bible? Do an internet search if you like. What are the many names for God our Creator (including Creator)? Write as many of those names as you wish below.

God and Jesus have other, more modern names that are ascribed to them, for example Jesus is referred to as CEO (as in business) or Coach. Are there name that you like for God and Jesus that reflect your experiences or your needs? Write those names below also. Look over the names and meditate on how they might be appropriate at different times in your life and the lives of others. Pray, perhaps using one of the names you've listed for God and Christ's presence in your life. Pray for your needs to be met along with the needs of others.

Friday, April 2

This week's devotions have all been about the importance of names; specifically our names for Jesus. If you selected just three names for God and Jesus, what would they be? Write those names below. Take a moment to meditate on those names. Why are they meaningful to you? What needs do those names meet in your life experiences?

After meditating on the three names you've listed, now consider what calls to action do those name elicit within you? What do these names inspire you to do – either in your daily living or as a call to a specific task or mission? Write your ideas here as you continue to draw meaning and strength from your names for God and Jesus!

Message Notes – March 28, 2021

*What Name Would You Shout?**

- I. Shakespeare may have written, "A rose by any other name would smell just a sweet" still names are _____.
 - A. Recent studies are showing that peoples prejudice about names might affect a particular person's chances for _____ success.
 - B. This type of research had continued and is being used all over the world with interest in _____ fluidity in terms of names.
 - C. The power of a name is nothing new to those who are devoted to _____.

- II. Those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem just a few days before his execution was mired deeply in a _____ of names.
 - A. Of course, the hysterical fans thought they were applauding _____ Jesus, the triumphant, miracle-working hotshot from Galilee.
 - B. What they got was _____ Jesus who takes away the sins of the world!
 - C. For a "_____" who had come in the "name of the _____," this was decidedly unkingly, untiger-like behavior.

- III. There is still plenty of _____ that surrounds the figure and name of Jesus.
 - A. If the Jesus we praise today is anything less than a _____, then we have lost sight of who he was and what his mission was all about.
 1. From what does Jesus save us _____?

*Luke 19:28-40 and Mark 11:1-10

2. The Biblical answer is: From the _____ of sin and death.
- B. It's time do some work that involves truly considering what it means to shout _____!
- IV. What name would _____ shout?
- A. Palm Sunday is about ushering in a new world order – one based on our deepest _____ and promoting a _____ that transcends our imaginations.
- B. The Bottom line for today is Jesus came to _____ us.
- C. We find that salvation and wholeness not in the _____, but in the _____.

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, March 29

The message began with the well know quote from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*: "A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." Many studies demonstrate that names are important and have cultural significance that affects the person who bears a specific name and those who encounter that person. What are your opinions about names? What do you think about your own name? Can you recognize any bias you might have against any specific names? These questions are asked without any reference to nicknames! What do nicknames communicate? Think about these questions and write our thoughts here.

Tuesday, March 30

All four gospels tell of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Read as many of these narratives as possible: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-40 and John 12:12-19. Notice the similarities and difference between these accounts of that first Palm Sunday. Is there one story that you prefer over the others? Why or why not?

Scan these passages, looking for names for Jesus. List them in the space below. What meaning do you think were given by the people in these scripture passages? What meaning do you give these names? Are there differences in the original meaning of these names and what they mean to you? Meditate on these questions and write your thoughts here. Pray for insight into these names for Jesus.

Wednesday, March 31

Read Luke 19:28-40. Yesterday, you considered the names for Jesus and their meaning. Clearly the meanings behind those names (King, Lord, the one who comes, teacher) express expectations of those who shouted them. In the message it was suggested that the crowd anticipated and celebrated "Tiger Jesus" as one who would wield political and physical power in conquering their Roman oppressors. They were looking a leader of a rebellion!

The person who rode into Jerusalem was "Lamb Jesus." A prince of peace interested more in resurrection than insurrection. Jesus began to speak of his own death in that place. Meditate on what your expectations of Jesus might have been 20 centuries ago. What are your expectations of Jesus today? Prayerfully consider these questions and write your responses here.