

# Journey to know God by Name

**Name:**

The Bread of Life  
artos zoe

The multitude who had followed Jesus did so for the loaves and fish he had provided for them on the previous day. Jesus told them not to seek for the physical bread, but to look to him. They could not understand his analogy nor his speech. It confused them. They thought the "manna" their forefathers had eaten was from heaven. Jesus let them know that it was not the bread from heaven, but that Jesus, himself, was the "Bread of Heaven".

It amazes me how many times in life we want what we can physically see, touch, and taste rather than what is best for our eternal soul. I love to eat good bread as much as anyone, but I realize Jesus can offer my soul so much more.

The men/women who sought Jesus wanted "physical bread" from heaven like "manna". Jesus tried to explain to them he was the "true bread from heaven." The men/women only followed Jesus for "signs" & "wonders". When Jesus refused to just be a "miracle" show, they left him.

Jesus quickly went from a following of thousands back to just the original twelve, and he even said one of those was actually a devil.

## My Takeaways

- I must carefully remember that Jesus, although he does miracles, is the miracle.
- Physical bread is great, but God's bread (His Son) is the true gift of life.
- There will be times in our lives when we will have those who walk away from us. We must be strong even in those times of rejection. (So very hard for me!)
- If I am spiritually hungry, I know exactly where I can go to be filled again. Jesus!

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Rose of Sharon  
habaselet saron

As Solomon writes this Song, it is a beautiful allegory of the relationship of Jesus, as the groom, and his bride, all those who are redeemed by his sacrifice. When I wanted to read something that inspired me about love, I always went to the Song of Solomon. I often said that God did not leave us Romantics out. He put the most beautiful love stories in the Bible.

In this song, Solomon talks about winter being gone and the time of flowers, birds, and fruit is near. When Jesus is near, it is never winter, but it is always Spring. I always loved the part in C.S. Lewis' books of Narnia when Aslan came. When Aslan comes it is always spring. When Jesus comes near us it is always spring.

So, even though it often feels like the longest winter, my heart longs for the Rose of Sharon to come. One day he will come and tell me, "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." What a day that will be!

## My Takeaways

- Jesus is fragrant; he is beautiful; he is lovely.
- When Jesus comes, it will be spring in our lives.
- The Rose of Sharon is a meadow flower. I love the picture of being with the One who loves me more than anything in an open meadow filled with the Rose of Sharon. Beautiful picture!

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Horn of Salvation  
keras soteria

Zacharias, filled with the Holy Ghost, prophesied about this Horn of Salvation. It would redeem the people of God. Abraham had been given a promise, and God was going to deliver Israel from all her enemies through this Horn of Salvation. Zacharias had a very special child - John. The people thought they knew better than Zacharias concerning the name for John, but God had already given Zacharias the message. John would pave the way for Jesus to come on the scene. Jesus was the Horn of Salvation promised by God; he was also John's cousin.

Not only did God send Joseph and Mary a revelation about who Jesus would be, he also sent Zacharias a message. Even Elizabeth knew Mary was carrying a very special child. This child would grow to become the Savior of the world, the Horn of Salvation. Jesus would redeem all mankind back to God through his personal sacrifice. Zacharias seemed to know that his son would play an important role in the coming Messiah, but he knew the Horn of Salvation would be Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_

## My Takeaways

- Zacharias took the focus off of John and himself and placed it on Jesus. We should also bring focus to Jesus.
- The Horn of Salvation offered strength and redemption for all mankind. Jesus did for all of us what we could not do ourselves.

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Name:

Redeemer  
ga'al

I really love the first verse of Isaiah 59: The Lord's hand is not shortened; that it cannot save. His ear is not heavy that he cannot hear. Isaiah goes on to explain the problem is a "sin" problem. Again, Isaiah further encouraged my heart when he tells us that if we fear (or give reverence) to the name of the Lord, when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. He will make a way of escape for us. He finally prophesies that the Redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn away from their sin.

I'm thankful the Redeemer didn't just come for Jacob's house. He came for me too. Because he loved me, I am redeemable. He paid for me. That just does something for me. There are many people in my life who probably wouldn't pay a 'plug nickel' for me. (Had to look that one up, but my Mama always said it.) But yes, I was unworthy... I was worthless dirt, except to the one who made me. He thought I was redeemable.

Back to the shortened hand and heavy ears... My hands are often shortened, and I can't do much about a situation. But God... Jesus... My Redeemer... His hands are long; his ears are sharp. If I call, not only does he hear, he runs to me. I am so thankful to have a kinsmen Redeemer like that.

## My Takeaways

- The Lord's ability to get to me is spot on; his ability to hear my cry is impeccable. I only need to do my part.
- The Lord thought enough about me to pay for me although he had already given me life.
- I absolutely love that God will "raise up a standard" or show me a way of escape from my troubles. When God raises the standard, no force of the enemy can prevail. My God Fights For Me!

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**Name:**

Son of God  
huios theos

John the Baptist called Jesus the Son of God, and he even told of his witness that Jesus was the Messiah. Remember John was filled with the Holy Ghost even as an unborn child in Elizabeth's womb. John knew explicitly who Jesus was. Nathaniel finally believed and also called him the "Son of God". Jesus told Nathaniel it was really nothing that Jesus had seen him under a tree. Jesus told him that they would all see much greater things than that. Jesus also called himself the "Son" of man. He was truly God's son and a human son who came to save all humanity from the death penalty of sin.

John, the disciple and revelator, also knew Jesus was the Word. All things were made by Jesus. He was there from the very beginning with God the Father. In Jesus was life. Jesus breathed and gave life to all things with God during Creation. God gave him all power and authority. God gave man dominion over the earth, but he gave Jesus all power... all authority.

Moses brought the law of God to man; Jesus brought grace and truth to men. Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. That word "begotten" means "single one of its kind" and "born of". Jesus is definitely "One of a kind!" He is born of God, although I can't explain that. He is the Son of God, and he saved me!

## My Takeaways

- While Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God, he's OK with my adoption! I am so thankful for this.
- John the Baptist knew although his life was important, Jesus was far more important to humanity. He also recognized Jesus as the Son of God.
- Nathaniel believed Jesus was the Son of God because of his abilities. Jesus had not even scratched the surface for them.

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**Name:**

Emmanuel  
Emmanouel; immanuel

I really love the words that God sent to Ahaz when Isaiah prophesied about Jesus coming to earth as Immanuel (Emmanuel). God spoke that Jesus (Immanuel) would come and live on "butter and honey" (like all other Jewish boys). He would grow up as a human and learn to make choices between right and wrong. Unlike the rest of us, Jesus made choices of good rather than evil.

Even though he as God, he was fully human. The baby Jesus was with us; he grew with us. Jesus ate just like all other Jewish boys ate. He knew exactly what it was to be human. But he was also fully God. He was Emmanuel - God with us. God told Ahaz, even though he had forsaken God, and the angel told Joseph. Mary was carrying the child who would be the Immanuel - the God-child raised on butter and honey, but always making the right choices.

I am so thankful for Emmanuel. Jesus left this earth as a human, but he did not leave us without part of the Holy Trinity. He left us with a Comforter to constantly help us also make the right decisions even though we continue to live with butter and honey. We do not have to choose evil. We can also choose good like Jesus did when he walked among man. The choice is clearly ours to make. I know I want to make the right ones.

## My Takeaways

- Jesus came to earth just like any other baby, needing a mother to care for him, needing a father to teach him, living on butter and honey.
- Jesus, unlike the rest of mankind, always chose goodness over evil. He never failed as a human even though he was tested just like we are.
- Even though Immanuel - Emmanuel has returned to his deity position in Heaven, he has not left us without help.

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# Journey to know God by Name

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Light of the World  
phos

Jesus went to the Temple Mount (Olive), and in the temple early in the morning, Pharisees and scribes brought a poor woman who had been caught committing adultery. (I often wonder what they did with her partner.) They knew that Moses would have her stoned under the law. They were trying to get Jesus to seem uncaring about the Law or about the woman. Jesus did not fall for their deceptiveness. Instead he simply wrote in the sand. I will be honest; I have always wondered what in the world he wrote in the sand.

Regardless of what he wrote, I do know that as he was writing and talking to the scribes and Pharisees, they one-by-one left. The woman was left standing or kneeling alone. Jesus looks up to see the crowd has left. He asks the woman where her accusers have gone. She had no one left to condemn her. Then the one who could have condemned her told her that he didn't. He did tell her to leave that lifestyle behind (an important point I think some forget).

Jesus went back to teaching. He told them that he was the light of the world. If we follow him, we will not be in darkness. Jesus' light brings life to our souls. Those who live without Jesus live in darkness and without true life. His preaching wasn't popular; but it didn't have to be. He was God.

## My Takeaways

- Jesus always brings life and light. If we say we live in him, then we will love the light he brings.
- Only those who would rather live in darkness want to run from Jesus.
- I love how much mercy Jesus had for the woman who had been humiliated. I also love how Jesus basically ignored those who humiliated her.
- Jesus is life and light; I want to emulate him.

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