



HELLO
my name is

WHAT
DOES
YOUR
NAME
MEAN?

The Greatest Name

The
POINT >

There is only one God and only His
name deserves glory.

> ISAIAH 42:1-12

¹“This is my servant; I strengthen him, this is my chosen one; I delight in him. I have put my Spirit on him; he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or shout or make his voice heard in the streets.

³ He will not break a bruised reed, and he will not put out a smoldering wick; he will faithfully bring justice.

⁴ He will not grow weak or be discouraged until he has established justice on earth. The coasts and islands will wait for his instruction.” ⁵This is what God, the LORD, says—who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk on it—⁶ “I am the LORD. I have called you for a righteous purpose, and I will hold you by your hand. I will watch over you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people and a light to the nations, ⁷ in

order to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon, and those sitting in darkness from the prison house. ⁸ I am the LORD. That is my name, and I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ The past events have indeed happened. Now I declare new events; I announce them to you before they occur.”

¹⁰ Sing a new song to the LORD; sing his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea with all that fills it, you coasts and islands with your inhabitants. ¹¹ Let the desert and its cities shout, the settlements where Kedar dwells cry aloud. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy; let them cry out from the mountaintops. ¹² Let them give glory to the LORD and declare his praise in the coasts and islands.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

Most people didn't have middle names until the 1400s when it became common for Italian parents to give their kids a saint name as a middle name in hopes that the saint would protect their children.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // JESUS

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Names are important. It's rare we see boys named Judas or Ahab or hear Jezebel for a girl's name. Instead, names are chosen to inspire and encourage.

My parents chose a pretty good first name for me: Jeffrey means "God's peace." However, my last name is a different story. Try growing up with a last name like Belcher—I've heard more than a few jokes over the years. As it turns out, though, my last name has an incredible meaning. In Old English, *bel* means "beauty," and *cher* means "countenance" or "face." Even though the meaning "beautiful face" might not apply to my physical appearance, my mom and dad taught me to be the kind of person who brings joy and goodness to those around me. My parents worked hard to create a good name among our neighbors, and even though my name is a bit funny, it's a name I'm proud to carry. But it also comes with the responsibility to represent well those who share the name.

The prophet Isaiah spoke of a coming Servant who would represent God. We now know this Servant by the name of Jesus. His mission was to represent God and His name clearly—to bring honor and glory to that very name. Let's discover how Isaiah said Jesus would do this.

ISAIAH 42:1-4

1 What is the significance of Jesus being the Son of David and the Son of Man?

2 According to these verses, how did Jesus demonstrate humility?



Isaiah made bold predictions about the coming Messiah: He would bring justice to the nations and serve others in humility. #BSFLTheGOAT

ISAIAH 42:5-8

3 Why did Isaiah list the Lord's credentials in this prophecy?

4 What responsibilities would the promised Messiah have?

5 How did Jesus fulfill these promises?

ISAIAH 42:9-12

6 Why is remembering an important part of our faith?

7 What is the significance of new songs in the life of the church?

8 How does it impact you to know that God is sovereign and will accomplish His purposes?



LIVE IT OUT



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Philippians 2 teaches that Jesus, though fully God, didn't cling tightly to His position in heaven with all its privileges and power. Instead, He lowered Himself by taking on humanity and going to the cross so that we could be saved. In response to Jesus's humility, God exalted Him to the highest place, giving Jesus the name above all names.

> CHRIST

Philippians 2:9-11 says that God exalted Jesus and gave Him the name above all names, and everyone will worship Him and bring glory to God the Father.

9 This week, look up Philippians 2:9-11 and memorize these verses.

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD

10 Reflect each day this week on the truths in these verses and worship Jesus in light of what God says to you.

> COMMUNITY

Isaiah invited the people to remember God's faithfulness in the past. Remembering plays an important role in the life of God's people, as we're called continually to remember Jesus and His sacrifice for us.

11 This week, take time to remember ways God has been kind to you. Share these with a friend from your church, and invite your friend to share ways God has blessed him or her in the past.



12 Pray together with your friend and thank God for His faithfulness.

> CULTURE

Isaiah foretold that the Messiah would bring justice to the nations. All around us, there are people who aren't treated fairly, who go without the resources they need, or who could simply use a little kindness.

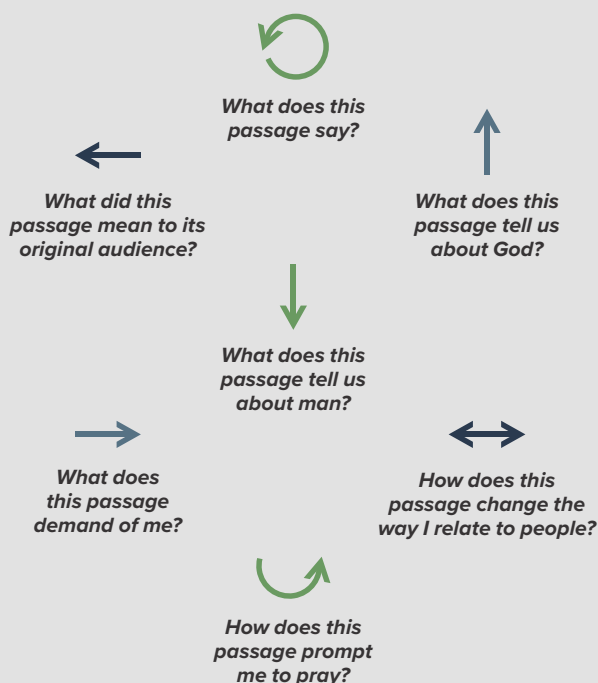
13 Where do you see injustice in your school or neighborhood?

14 How will you reflect Jesus and do your part in bringing justice this week?

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-6

Jesus is God. This truth is foundational to who we are as Christians. Not only is Jesus God, but He's fully God and fully man. And before He came to earth, Jesus lived for eternity past in heaven in perfect fellowship with the Father and Holy Spirit, where He was worshiped by the hosts of heaven. However, Jesus didn't see this position of privilege and power as something to grasp tightly. Instead, with open hands, He was willing to give up the pleasures of heaven in order to fulfill the Father's purpose. As followers of Christ, we are to have this same attitude—we are to be gladly willing to give up our own selfish desires to pursue the purposes of God. At times, we might be tempted to cling tightly to the things we desire in this life. But if we want to be like Jesus, this involves living in total surrender to God. It's about His desires and purposes and not ours.

- **Why do you think Jesus was willing to give up, at least for a time, the glories of heaven?**
- **When have you been tempted to hold on to things you knew God wanted you to give up?**

Day Two

PHILIPPIANS 2:7



Instead of holding on to the glories and pleasure of heaven, Jesus chose to empty Himself. This doesn't mean that Jesus gave up His divinity. Jesus is God—He always has been, and He always will be. Jesus did, however, give up certain divine privileges when He gave up the privileges of heaven, including the face-to-face connection with the other Persons of the Trinity as well as the riches of heaven. When He became a man, Jesus took on Himself all the weaknesses and limitations associated with our humanity. Jesus went from the highest place possible to a lowly state, all to serve the needs of broken sinners. As followers of Jesus, we are called to imitate His example of humility.

➤ **What did Jesus give up in order to come to earth?**

➤ **How specifically is God calling you to follow Jesus's example of humility?**

Day Three

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

By giving up the glories and privileges of heaven and taking on the weaknesses of the human condition, Jesus had already humbled Himself in ways that are difficult to understand. But He didn't stop there; Jesus then went to the cross in the place of sinful people. Chances are that we've all heard about how Jesus was beaten and abused as part of His crucifixion. It's hard to imagine the physical suffering He endured. Still, it's important that we understand that the bodily suffering paled in comparison to the relational, emotional, and spiritual suffering Jesus endured when the Father's wrath toward sin was poured out on Jesus. Jesus, the sinless Lamb, was slain for the sins of the world. He bore the consequences of sin, a position of humility and the lowest position Jesus could have chosen. To follow Jesus means to make this same choice ourselves—to choose outrageous humility and to die to our old self in following Jesus.

➤ **How would you describe the kind of humility that led to Jesus offering His life on the cross?**

➤ **How do the ways you live demonstrate this kind of humility?**

Day Four

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

Jesus chose to demonstrate humility, and this verse explains the result of Jesus's choices. Jesus's various expressions of humility, specifically dying on the cross, were directly tied to God exalting Him to a position even higher than before. Jesus was not only restored to the position of glory that was His prior to the incarnation, but after His resurrection and ascension, Jesus now has the capacity to identify with the weaknesses of fallen people and to serve as our great High Priest. Because of His perfectly righteous life and sacrifice, because of His love for God and people, and because of His power over sin and death, Jesus has been given the name above all names. His name means "Yahweh saves," for He is the Lord who has saved broken sinners from the consequences of their sins. Jesus's name represents all He is, and as Lord of all, His name is higher than any other name!

➤ **Why did God exalt Jesus to the highest place?**

➤ **What does Jesus's name mean?**

Day Five

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11



When Jesus came to earth the first time, He came in the humility and weakness associated with humanity. However, when He comes again, His power and glory will be on full display! The true nature of Jesus will be unmistakable, and every living and intelligent creature will bow before Jesus, including all believers alive on earth and the faithful who have passed on from this life, all non-believers living and dead, and all angels and demons. At the revelation of Jesus's power, every created being will confess (which means to agree with what God says is right and true) that Jesus is Lord of all. For the prideful and rebellious, this certainly won't be easy, as Jesus's lordship is tied to their eternal judgment. But for the humble and obedient, Jesus's appearance will be reason for great joy and celebration! Do you know Jesus as Lord and Savior?

➤ **Why will all people confess Jesus as Lord at His appearance?**

➤ **How do you think you will feel at Jesus's appearance?**