

# What's in a Name?

## Jesus Christ

The angel Gabriel said to Mary: *“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.”* (Luke 1:31, NASB)

An angel told Joseph in a dream: *“[Mary] will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”* (Matthew 1:21, NASB)

The genealogy of Jesus states: *“Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the \*Messiah.”* [\*Greek Christos (Christ)] (Matthew 1:16, NASB)

The angels announced to the shepherds: *“Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is \*Christ the Lord.”* [\*Messiah] (Luke 2:11, NASB)

Luke records His official naming by Joseph and Mary: *“And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.”* (Luke 2:21, NASB)

Peter boldly proclaimed Jesus Christ to the Jewish leaders: *“There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:12, NASB)

"Jesus" is His first name, like "Justin" or "Emily" (they didn't use last names). It was a common name at the time. It's the Greek form of the Hebrew name, "Joshua," which means, "The Lord saves." Before He was born, the angel commanded His parents to name Him "Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

"Christ" is His title. It's the Greek word for "Messiah," which means "The Anointed One."

Thus "Jesus Christ" is His first name and His title. It means "Jesus Messiah."

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