

SHALOM

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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Are the words in it significant?

PROVERBS 6:2, 18:21



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NAME

- Identity
- It's the one we respond to
- Reveal parent's aspiration
- May influence our personality?
- In some society, may indicate social background.
- May determine one's calling or destiny?

THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED LORD

- Angel Gabriel to Joseph “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sin. Matthew 1:21-22
- Angel Gabriel to Mary “You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. Luke 1:31-32
- יְהוֹשֻׁעַ Yeshua – Salvation (Ps 91:16)

ישוע המשיח

Yeshua HaMashiach

Anointed Salvation

Jesus Christ

JESUS – what other titles?

- Isaiah 9:6.....Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace
- John 1:29 “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
- Luke 3:22 RSV.. a voice came from heaven “Thou art My beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased.”
- Matthew 17:5 RSV “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!”

JESUS – What other titles?

- The Way, the Truth and the Life Jn 14:6
- The Resurrection and the Life Jn 11:25
- The Bread of Life. Jn6:35 the Light of the world Jn 8:12
- The Good Shepherd Jn 10:11
- The Name above every other name Phil 2:9
- The King of kings and the LORD of lords Rev 19:16
- The Alpha & Omega, the First & Last; Rev 22:13 Lion of Judah Rev5:5
- The Son of Man (80X) "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mk 10:45...came to seek and to save the lost. Lk 19:10

FRIEND OF SINNERS

LUKE 15:1-2; 7:34

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-2

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

Luke 7:34, Matt 11:19

Teachers of the Law

- Known also as scribes, lawyers and rabbis. Consider themselves expert and the only ones capable of interpreting the scriptures. They are the ones who know the original language. Experts of the Law.
- Spent their time copying scriptures.
- Provide education in religious schools for children in the villages throughout Israel.
- Most scribes were Pharisees. Traced their origin from the time of Ezra.

Pharisees

- One of the several religious parties within Judaism. Said to arise from a group of pious Jews who fought with the Maccabees against the oppression of the Greek emperor Antiochus Epiphanes in 164 BC
- The word “Pharisee” is thought to derive from the Hebrew word to mean “separatists”. They separate themselves from those who do not follow their rigid standards of righteousness. Outwardly religious. According to Josephus there was about 6000 in numbers.
- Most distinctive characteristic of the Pharisee is the strict adherence to the Torah and also to the oral law; strict adherence to tradition, focusing on its outward requirement. They were a self righteous lot.

To associate with tax-collectors and sinners was considered sinful behavior for Jews. Tradition stated: “Let not a man associate with the wicked, not even to bring him to the Torah” (Mechilta).

Tax Collectors (Publicans)

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- They lease out the collection of these taxes to individual who then add surcharges for their effort. Amount charged for their effort were seldom controlled, therefore the system was always open for abuse and much corruption. Notoriously dishonest.
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- Matthew (Levi) & Zaccheus

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YET JESUS CHOSE TO EAT WITH THEM

Sinners

- Root word means to miss the mark.
- A lot of people don't see themselves as sinners, because they always think they have lived an honest, fair and good life. Lived by Golden Rule "Don't cheat, don't steal and don't kill"
- Bible says "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Rom 3:23"
- God's standard – PERFECTION.
- **BUT NOBODY IS PERFECT!!!! WELCOME TO THE SINNERS' CLUB!!!**

Jesus' invitation to eat with sinners still stands

- Rev 3:20 Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears....
- Matt 11:28, 29 Come unto Me, he who is weary & heavy laden...
- Ps 23:5 He prepares a table before me....
- 1Pet 5:7 Cast all cares upon Him for He cares for you.
- Lk 5:31 “It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick”
- Luke 5:32 “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners...

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

True friend

- Someone you can always count on anytime of the day.
- Trustworthy & loyal (stand by you no matter what)
- Keep promises
- Have your best interest at heart
- Caring and compassionate
- Celebrate your successes and encourages you when you fail.
- Sticks closer than a brother Prov 18:24
- Ultimate – to die for you?

Greater love has no one than
this, that he lay down his life
for his friends.

John 15:13



You are my friends if you do
what I command.

John 15:14

And His commands are not
burdensome.

1 John 5:3