



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What the names of Jesus tell us about His character

If we want to be like Jesus, reflecting His character, we need to know Him better.

In the Scriptures, a person's name had great significance. It reflected that person's character—telling a story about that person. That's why the names given to Jesus were so important. Each name of Jesus recorded in the Bible is a way through which we know Him better. Seeing Him more clearly leads to knowing Him better. And knowing Him better is critical in order to reflect His character to the world around us. Complete the chart and then reflect on what you learned by answering the questions on the following page.

<i>Scripture</i>	<i>What is the name used for Jesus?</i>	<i>What does this name reveal about Jesus' character of calling?</i>	<i>How should knowing this about Jesus affect your actions or attitude?</i>
<i>Matt. 1:23</i>			
<i>John 1:29</i>			
<i>Rev. 22:13</i>			
<i>Matt. 27:37</i>			
<i>Isaiah 9:6</i>			
<i>John 6:35</i>			
<i>Isaiah 59:20</i>			
<i>1 Peter 2:4-8</i>			



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Making it personal

1. What new observations did you make about Jesus?

2. When you think about Jesus' character traits, are there one or two that are particularly inspiring or challenging to you? Explain.

3. How can you become more like Jesus in one of these areas? What specific steps can you take? How will you evaluate your progress?
