

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP FOUNDATION STUDIES

## Session #5

Welcome back to Session 5. I'm very glad to have you with us again.

If you haven't yet listened to all the previous sessions, which have some really valuable information for you & will lead you nicely into this session, please go ahead & do so first. You will find these Session links in the description box below. Then come back & join us here.

Last session, we explored your wondrous new identity in Christ and the importance of declaring the truth about what God says about you.

This session, we are going to get to know our Saviour a little better. Getting to know Him will be an exciting lifetime of discovery, & we will never know all there is to know about the Kingdom of God, but we will make a start today.

His life started with a miracle. Jesus, miraculously conceived in a teenager's womb. Mary had never known a man and Jesus was born of a virgin. The Jewish Jesus, born in Bethlehem, lived in Nazareth, Israel with Jewish parents looking after Him, fully immersed in the culture, grew up and became a Carpenter.

His Hebrew name is Yeshua which in English means Salvation. Our Saviour was prophesied in the ancient book of the Old Testament and then He is also revealed in the New Testament and it is there that we read about His life and ministry on earth. Jesus started His ministry around 30 years of age where He performed many miracles, healing the sick, raising the dead and much more. This ministry lasted for 3 years before He was crucified, a man who never sinned, totally blameless and wrongly judged and convicted with a horrific death, a type of death reserved for criminals.

Then 3 days later, He was resurrected. **After** His resurrection **Jesus** repeatedly appeared to His disciples and hundreds of people over a period of **40 days**, and then miraculously ascended into the presence of God where He is to this very day. The Bible says in Acts 1:9 "He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight".

“Yeshua” the Hebrew name for Jesus means Salvation ... His name means to rescue, to help, to defend, to preserve, to make free, to bring to safety, to liberate, to deliver, to heal, to make victorious and to save. Wow !

Now let’s look at Jesus in scripture. These first couple of verses are probably familiar to you already and we can see in these verses that His very name means Salvation ...

Matthew 1:21 says of Jesus ... **And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins.”**

Acts 4:12 tells us ... ***And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”***

Here is a verse telling us that Salvation is by no other ...

John 14:6 says ... ***Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.***

The name of Jesus is so very majestic and relevant to all of mankind because

Philippians 2:9-11 declares it is so ... ***Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

That is one of my favourite verses about Jesus.

There are so many names for Jesus. Now we’re going to explore the many names & titles of Jesus. Names and titles are like garments. They describe the attributes of God. The more we study these, the more we will understand who Jesus really is and knowing who He is, we cannot help but love Him with all our heart, soul and mind. There are so many, so we will only be able to touch on some of them here, but let’s start at the beginning of creation, and the beginning of the alphabet.... This study is going to be so exciting and full of revelation for you ! Are you ready !

Jesus is known as the second and the last **ADAM** - 1 Corinthians 15:45 says ...  
**“The first man, Adam, became a living person. But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit”.**

1 John 2:1 says Jesus is our **ADVOCATE** - **“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One”.**

He was there at the beginning and He will be there at the end, He is eternal ...  
**ALPHA AND OMEGA** - Revelation 1:8 tells us... **“I am the Alpha & the Omega, the Beginning & the End,”** says the Lord, **“who is & who was & who is to come, the Almighty.”**

If it wasn't for Jesus, our salvation would not be possible, so He is the **AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION** - Hebrews 5:9 says, **“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”.**

Our Heavenly Father's **BELOVED SON** - In Matthew 3:17, Jesus was being baptised by John, the Baptist... **And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

Jesus is our sustenance, our **BREAD OF LIFE** - In John 6:32, Jesus said, **“I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now He offers you the True Bread from Heaven”.**

Jesus is known as a Shepherd, in fact, the **CHIEF SHEPHERD** - 1 Peter 5:4 **“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.**

**CHRIST, SON OF GOD** – In Luke 9:20 Jesus asks His disciples... **“But who do you say that I am?”** Peter answered & said, **“The Christ, The Son of the Living God.”**

Jesus is our **CORNERSTONE**, the very foundation of life - Psalm 118:22 **“The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone”.**

He is the greatest **COUNSELLOR** - Isaiah 9:6 **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”.**

He is the **CREATOR** - John 1:3 says ... **“God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him”**.

On a personal reflection, I remember singing this to myself whenever I was going in for an operation and it always gave me great comfort -

**DELIVERER** - Psalm 18:2 declares ... **The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, in Him will I trust.**

**FAITHFUL AND TRUE** – In the prophetic book of Revelation 19:11, we read... **Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for He judges fairly and wages a righteous war.**

Jesus is **GOD** – In Isaiah 40:3 declares ... **The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Here in John 10:11, Jesus is again called a Shepherd, but now He is called the **GOOD SHEPHERD** **“I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.**

Before Jesus’ death, only a man was the High Priest, offering sacrifices for our sins by way of bulls, lambs and goats, but now Jesus is our **GREAT HIGH PRIEST** giving a final offering for our sins, once and for all time, past, present and future. In Hebrews 4:14 we read ... **“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.”**

Jesus IS the **HEAD OF THE CHURCH** – In Ephesians 1:22 it says ... **“And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church,**

**HOLY ONE OF GOD:** Even demons know & declare that Jesus is Holy.

In Mark 1:24, they cry out... **“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”**

**I AM** - John 8:58 ... Jesus answered, **“I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!**

**IMMANUEL:** (Isaiah 7:14) **Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel, (which means ‘God is with us’)**

Because He and His family dwelt in a city called Nazareth, He was called ...

**JESUS OF NAZARETH** - Matthew 21:11 ... **And the multitude said, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."**

Here we can see a clear distinction. Notice the capital K and capital L for the first King and Lord and lowercase k and l for the rest. The first letter of God and Jesus are always spelt with Capital letters. In fact, even He, His, Me, My etc etc should always be capitals. He is worthy of that distinction from the ordinary, because He is extraordinary.

I now announce the Majestic .... **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

1 Timothy 6:15 declares ... **"For, at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only Almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords"**.

The innocent and obedient **LAMB OF GOD** - John 1:29 says ... **The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"**

Something interesting is that if you light a match, there is no shadow, it completely 100% takes over the darkness and Jesus is the **LIGHT OF THE WORLD** John 8:12 says ... **Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the World. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."**

Jesus, our High Priest is now our **MEDIATOR** - 1 Timothy 2:5 tells us ... **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.**

**MESSIAH** - John 1:41 - **Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ").**

The peace Jesus brings is not a peace like the world brings - **PRINCE OF PEACE** - Isaiah 9:6 says ... **For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

**PROPHET** - Luke 24:19 says of Jesus **"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and He was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people.**

**RABBI** – Is the Jewish term for Teacher. John 3:2 says ... **After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”**

Jesus redeemed us, He paid the price, He is our ... **REDEEMER** - Job 19:25 ... **I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth.**

**ROCK** - these are the words of King David in his Psalm 89:26 ... **‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’**

The ancestry (genealogy) of Jesus is very interesting and He is called the ... **ROOT OF DAVID** – in the prophetic book, the very last book of the Bible, Revelation 22:16 says **“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”**

**SAVIOUR** - Luke 2:11 says ... **Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, He is the Messiah, the Lord.**

**STRONG TOWER** Proverbs 18:10 says ... **The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.**

**TRUE VINE** - John 15:5 tells us to abide in Him ... **“Yes, I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.**

Jesus is the **WORD** - John 1:1 ... **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

And in *John 1:14* ... **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**WORD OF GOD** - Revelation 19:13 **He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.**

And finally, well in this study anyway....

**YESHUA** – The Hebrew Name of Jesus, meaning Salvation.

Well, there we are. We went **very briefly** through the alphabet, just **touching** on the nature of Jesus. However, there are thousands more names, titles and descriptions of Jesus. All the books in the world cannot contain everything there is to know about Jesus, He is infinite, eternal and **He is God**. He is so very lovely and His name is beautiful. We will never know it all about Jesus and His Kingdom, until we are with Him in Heaven, which is what makes knowing Him so exciting, fulfilling and full of wonder.

Meditating on God's truth from scripture, you will get to know Jesus more and more each day and love Him more and more each day. Believe me, it is so worth the effort and it is such a pleasure to behold Him and an honour to be called His child, a daughter or son of the King.

Jesus promises in Jeremiah 29:13 ... **You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.** And I know this to be true !

In Session No 6, we're going to talk about Communion also known as the Lord's Supper and what it represents and why it is important as Christians that we remember and honour the Lord's death on the cross.

We'll also take Communion together, so before next Session, have ready a very small piece of bread or cracker and a very small thimble full of red cordial or fruit juice.

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