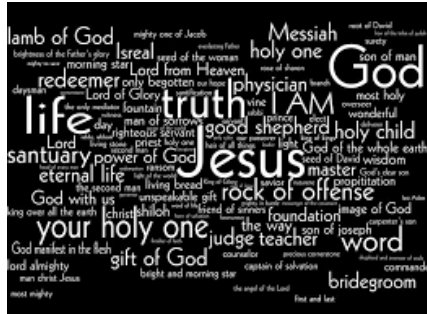


## SERMON NOTES

**Title:** *Jesus: There's Something about that Name*  
**Text:** Matthew 1:18-23  
**Topic:** Knowing God  
**Teacher:** Pastor Barry  
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*“You cannot really know God: knowing God is purely a matter of faith and speculation.”* - Immanuel Kant

The theme throughout the N.T. is that **THERE IS** a kind of deep relationship that God wants to experience with his children.

Emmanuel means, **GOD WITH US.**

In the Hebrew language there are 2 distinct words for the verb “to know” ...

1 means to know something **IN GENERAL** about someone or something. It has to do with facts. 2 means to know **SOMEONE DEEPLY**. It has more to do with **RELATIONSHIP, EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS**. Apostle Paul draws a parallel between this kind “knowing” and the relationship between **CHRIST AND THE CHURCH**.<sup>31</sup> *“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”*<sup>32</sup> *This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.* Ephesians 5:31-32

To know Jesus is to know **GOD**. (John 10:30)

“Jesus” means: **JEHOVAH IS SALVATION”**

Jesus had other names and they all tell us something about Jesus and that there is a **DEPTH** to which we can know God.

The message, abundant, and abundantly clear in the Bible is there really is **SOMETHING** about Jesus’ name.

**REPETITION** in the Bible is usually a sign that there’s something here you need to know & remember. In the New Testament we see references to Jesus’ name repeated over and over again. Acts 2:38, Acts 3:6, Acts 3:16, Acts 4:10, Acts 4:12, Acts 4:30, Matthew 28:18-20, John 15:16, John 16:23,24&26; *“Whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord will be saved.”* Romans 10:13

The focus is on one thing...*that name* which expresses the **THE FULNESS OF GOD**. It’s summed up in a name, the name Jesus.

The great news of Christmas is *God is with us*. He **KNOWS YOU** and wants to be **KNOWN BY YOU**.

*“He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.”* - From the hymn, *In the Garden*.

### ***There’s Just Something about That Name***

*Jesus.... The mere mention of His name can calm the storm, heal the broken, raise the dead. At the name of Jesus, I've seen sin hardened men melt, derelicts transformed, the lights of hope put in the eyes of a hopeless child. At the name of Jesus, hatred and bitterness turn to love and forgiveness, arguments cease. I've heard a mother softly breathe His name at the bedside of a child delirious from fever, and watched... as that little body grew quiet, and fevered brow cooled. I've sat at the side of a dying saint. Her body wracked with pain, who in those final fleeting seconds summoned her last ounce of ebbing strength, just to whisper Earth's sweetest name. Jesus...Jesus.... Emperors have tried to destroy it. Philosophies have tried to stamp it out. Tyrants have tried to wash it from the face of the Earth with the very blood of those who claimed it. Yet it still stands. And there shall be that final day, when every voice that has ever uttered a sound, every voice of Adam's race, shall raise in one mighty chorus to praise the name of Jesus. For in that day, every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is truly Lord. You see, it was not mere chance that an angel, one night, long ago, said to a virgin maiden: His name shall be called Jesus...Jesus...Jesus... Yes, there is something, something about that name.....* - Gloria Gaither