

# The Names of Jesus

Around this time of the year, many people are thinking about the birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12). Many people are thinking about Jesus as a baby/child.

This portrait of Jesus is not demanding and intimidating. While it is undoubtedly a biblical way to view Jesus, there is so much more that we need to understand about Him.

Interestingly, the miraculous birth of Jesus was no big secret to those who witnessed it (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7). Notice how 700 years in advance, Isaiah announced the coming of Jesus! In fact, in addition to announcing His birth, the prophet also described Him in four specific ways. He gives four particular names to the child who would come and save the world from sin.

## Wonderful Counselor

- Jesus is this to us at the highest degree. He created us (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:13-17). He knows everything about us (John 2:24-25). He can relate to us (Hebrews 4:15).
- We need to seek and apply the Lord's counsel (Matthew 7:24).

## Mighty God

- Jesus is more than a good man or prophet (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1).
- Jesus received worship (Matthew 14:33).
- Jesus was acknowledged to be "God" by Thomas (John 20:26-29).
- Since Jesus is God, we need to worship, trust, and fear Him.

## Eternal Father

- While Jesus is not God the Father, He does possess father-like qualities.
- He is protective (Romans 8:35-39).
- He is corrective (Revelation 3:15-19).

## Prince of Peace

- Jesus does not offer peace between us and those who oppose the gospel (Matthew 10:34-36).
- Instead, He offers us peace with God and one another (Ephesians 2:13-18).

## Conclusion

Are you willing to accept Jesus for all that Isaiah says that He is?

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