HIS NAME SHALL BE
Christmas at The Chapel

1. The name of Jesus was purposeful.

Matthew 1:21   "*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*"

The name "Jesus" started as Joshua with variants of Jehoshua and Jeshua. These three are each an intentional combining of words to create a powerful impression.

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Jesus is not an exclusive name.

Three other people are named Jesus in the New Testament.

Acts 13:6   *They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus,*

Colossians 4:11   *Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings . . .*

Matthew 27:16   *At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. 17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?'* NRSV

2. The name of Jesus is powerful.

Acts 4:12   *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*"

Acts 16:29   *The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

31*They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household."*

3. The name of Jesus is personal.

Hebrews 4:15   *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

4. The name of Jesus is pre-eminent.

Philippians 2:9   *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*