

JESUS: Name Above All Names
Alpha and Omega
Revelation 1:8; 21:1-8; 22:12-13
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Sermon Summary

At the name of Jesus, the Name above every Name, every knee shall bow and tongue confess, Jesus is Lord! He is Immanuel, God with us! He is the Light of the World, our Savior and Redeemer. Jesus is the Cornerstone, the Good Shepherd and the Teacher. The names of Jesus are descriptive of His nature and His mission. Jesus saves sinners. He builds His church. Jesus sends those He saves to continue His mission. He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. He is the True Vine. In Him we abide and without Him we can do nothing. The names of Jesus help us see more clearly how to Live Sent!

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 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. **Philippians 2:5-11***

Diving Into The Message

1. Who Is

*I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. **Revelation 1:8***

He is the first cause and the last word. He is the origin of creation and the terminus of time. He reigns from the vanishing point to the vanishing point. From past to future, from everlasting to everlasting, He is God. *He Shall Be Called*, Robert J. Morgan, p. 106.

Jesus is the Great “I AM” because He is and always will be!

Not only at the beginning of time and at the end of the age, Jesus was present at your birth and He will be around for your funeral. He is present for all the dashing of your life and knows how to lead you every step of the way. Morgan, p. 106.

2. Who Was

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from

God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Revelation 21:1-8

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Psalm 90:1-4

3. Who Is To Come

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Revelation 22:12-13

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Life Application Questions

1. What name(s) for Jesus stand(s) out to you in this series? Why?

2. Which group of names helps you better understand/know Jesus?
 - Sent to Earth (Immanuel, Son of God/Son of Man, Light of the Word, Savior/Redeemer)

 - Sent to Build the Church (Cornerstone, Good Shepherd, Teacher, Bread of Life)

 - Sent to Save (Messiah, Lamb of God, King of Kings & Lord of Lords, Resurrection and Life)

3. Sent on Mission (Author and Finisher, True Vine, Alpha and Omega)

4. Explain John 20:21 when Jesus said, “as the Father has sent me, even so, I am sending you?”

5. What does it mean to “Live Sent” in 2021?

6. Are you living sent? Do you know someone/others who are living sent? In what ways are they living sent?

7. What are some ways that you can live sent? How can you live sent alongside others.

8. First Baptist Gulfport will celebrate its 125th birthday in September. How can we mobilize our God given resources in people and finances in 2021 and beyond to better live sent on the Mississippi Gulf Coast?