



JESUS: Name Above All Names Sent on Mission

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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. The names of Jesus help us see more clearly how to Live Sent!

Diving Into The Message

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. John 20:21

Author and Finisher

*1 Therefore, since we are encompassed with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.
2 Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:1-2 Modern English Version

We are looking to Jesus, who authored our faith in His death, burial and resurrection and the one who will finish our faith in glorious victory.

1. Look to Jesus

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus; Keep looking at Jesus; Look away from everything else

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in His wonderful face

And the Things of Earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11

2. Jesus is the Author of Our Faith.

AUTHOR: Creator, Originator, Leader, Pioneer, Initiator, Founder, Source, Designer

There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. 1 Timothy 2:5, 6

Allen Emery was a businessman in the wool business. Once he spent the night with a shepherd out in the Texas prairie. During the night, coyotes began to pierce the air with their wailing. The shepherd's dogs growled and peered into the darkness. The sheep, which had been sleeping, lumbered to their feet,

alarmed, bleating pitifully. The shepherd tossed more logs onto the fire, and the flames shot up. In the glow, Allen looked out and saw thousands of little lights. He realized those were reflections of the fire in the eyes of the sheep. “In the midst of danger,” he observed, “the sheep were not looking out into the darkness but were keeping their eyes set in the direction of their safety, looking toward the shepherd. I couldn’t help but think of Hebrews 12: ‘looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.’” Sheep look to their shepherd (for everything)!

[The word “author”] is misleading and narrows the scope of the passage. The word is made up of ago, “to lead,” and arche, “the first.” The compound word means “the chief leader, one that takes the lead in anything and furnishes the example.” In Hebrews 12 it describes Jesus as the One “who is the pre-eminence of His faith” far surpassing the examples of faith commemorated in chapter 11. (Greek scholar Kenneth S. Wuest)

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 (21st Century King James Version - KJ21)

3. Jesus is the Finisher of Our Faith

FINISHER: Perfecter, Completer

4. Go and Make Disciples

Go and Make Disciples | Matthew 28:19

Make disciples as we run with endurance toward the finish line.

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:11 NIV (John 13:15; Titus 2:7)

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Life Application Questions

1. What are the weights and sins of current generations that entangle? Outside the church? Inside the Church? Is there a distinguishable difference? Why? Why not?

2. Of the names of Jesus we have examined, which one stands out to you and why?

3. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Author of your Faith?

4. What does it say about His mission that He is the Finisher of our Faith?

5. What does Jesus as Finisher say about your mission?

6. Jesus was sent on Mission and He sends His disciples on Mission. What motivations can you derive from Jesus as Author and Finisher of our Faith?

7. What is your role in Making Disciples? What gift can you bring to the disciple-making process? What age group?

8. Call Eric Smith, Elizabeth Dollar or Chris Weir if you are ready to Go and Make Disciples!
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