

Priming The Pump

What's in a name? Many names today seem meaningless although some do hold great meaning. It's quite easy to find the meaning of names via the internet but be a little careful of your sources. Do you know what your name means? If your name is found in the Bible, its meaning will be attached to it in the index of that Bible. In the Hebrew culture your name was very important. It attached meaning to you and your life. Some big hitter names of the Bible: **Elijah** means *Yahweh is God*. **David** means *well beloved*. **Samuel** means *the name of God*. **Caleb** means *dog or bold*. **Rebekah** means *loops of a rope or captivating*. **Mary** means *stubborn (who knew?)* And then there's **Jesus** or in Hebrew, **Joshua**, which means *Yahweh saves or YHWH is salvation*. YHWH is called the tetragrammaton, which is a transliteration representing the name of God from Hebrew. The Jews never spoke the name of God, and the High Priest was the only one who spoke this abbreviated form. *Share why you named your children what you chose for them or what you plan on naming future children.*

The Main Point Some people fulfill namesakes and some don't. I don't think we should over think it. But in certain circumstances there is considerable weight to be given to a name. This is why we are looking at the names assigned to the child born in the manger. These circumstances were particularly unique. **Isaiah 9:6** *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders ; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."* It would be flippant to call these nicknames, but rather they are identifying specific traits if you will or more to the point, aspects of His very being. This verse along with **Isaiah 7:14** are earth shaking revelations. *Why so?* The uniqueness of what we call Christmas, has all to do with how we view the baby in the manger and how we ultimately identify Him. Is He God in the flesh? This is when we should take some time and try to do our best to wrap our heads around this idea of incarnation - God becoming man. It is unique to all world religions. This was literally a scandalous idea to the Jews of the first century. Consider this song by Michael Card, "Scandalon". (listen to it on YouTube if you get a chance.

*The seers and the prophets had foretold it long ago
 That the long awaited one would make men stumble
 But they were looking for a king to conquer and to kill
 Who'd have ever thought He'd be so meek and humble*

*He will be the truth that will offend them one and all
 A stone that makes men stumble
 And a rock that makes them fall
 Many will be broken so that He can make them whole
 And many will be crushed and lose their own soul*

*Along the path of life there lies a stubborn Scandalon
 And all who come this way must be offended
 To some He is a barrier, To others He's the way
 For all should know the scandal of believing*

*It seems today the Scandalon offends no one at all
 The image we present can be stepped over
 Could it be that we are like the others long ago
 Will we ever learn that all who come must stumble*

What do you think the main point is that Card is trying to make us think about?

How do you think we should we be offended and how should we not be offended by the incarnation? i.e. how should we embrace it?

Why is it so offensive for some for all the wrong reasons?

Sermon Notes



Sermon Series

He Will Be Called...

Sermon Title

Wonderful Counselor 1/4

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Isaiah 9:6 "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

Hebrews 4:15-16 . . . 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. 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.

Jesus - The _____



COMES FOR THE _____

Luke 5:31-32 "Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

①. BE BRUTALLY _____ WITH THE COUNSELOR.

John 4:16-17 "He (Jesus) told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied.

Psalms 55:22 "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Wonderful Counselor
1--Honest
2-Voice
3-Tells

②. LISTEN TO THE COUNSELOR'S _____.

Mark 9:7 "...a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

③. DO WHAT THE COUNSELOR _____ YOU TO DO.

Mark 10:20-21 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him."

Mark 10:21-22 "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.