

IN MY NAME



Born Again

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“In the name of Jesus!” shouts the evangelist as he lays hands on a weeping man kneeling before him.

A hush sweeps over the crowd.

“Hallelujah!” says the evangelist, and raises the man to his feet.

There is a roar of clapping and praising and foot-stamping and the smiling man returns to his seat.

When it’s all over the man goes home empty and confused.

Nothing happened.

But why?

“Whatever you ask the Father, he will give it to you in my name. Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

John 16

So why did nothing happen when the evangelist called on the name of Jesus?

The evangelist did not realize he was trifling with the HOLY.

How is it possible that men and women can prophesy in Jesus’ name, cast out demons in Jesus’ name and do many mighty works in his name, and be told by Jesus in the last hour, “I never knew you.”?

They were trifling with the HOLY.

Those who actually know Jesus never use his name lightly.

They would never use it in a curse.

They would never tack it on the end of a prayer to make it official.

They would never use it to advance their own agenda.

To those who know him, Jesus' name is wrapped in blinding light.
His name is like the flame in Moses' Burning Bush.
Like the fire that fell on Elijah's sacrifice.



The Road to Damascus (close up)

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And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, 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

If Jesus is my Lord, I cannot take his name lightly.

The woman who touched the hem of his garment did it with fear and trembling.

Blind Bartimaeus honored Jesus as the Son of David as he cried out for help.



Full Healing



I was blind

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The "name of Jesus" is only truly the name of Jesus when it is uttered with the humility of faith.

It is not a formula.

It is not a magic incantation.

It is not a password.

The name of Jesus is holy.

Only those who understand this can truly pray in Jesus' name.

Or preach in Jesus' name.

Or heal in Jesus' name.

If Jesus is Lord of our daily life,

If we walk with him through good times and bad,

If we abide in him, and his word abides in us,

his name becomes our protection, power, and joy.



Filled with the Spirit

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In that day you will ask in my name; and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; or the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from the Father. (John 16: 26-27)

Prayer: Lord Jesus teach us, show us what it really is to ask in your name. Keep us from trifling with your holiness. Keep us from exploiting it to meet our demands, or using your name as a magic chant, or using it just as an addendum to our prayers. As we approach you in prayer, make us aware of your holiness, aware of our need for you, aware of the tender love the Father has for us...and ever so grateful to you and for everything you have done. May we ask in your name out of our relationship with you... because we love you, we trust you and we are committed to you. And yes, Jesus, may your holy name be our protection, our power, our joy. Amen
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Below are some modern translations of John 16:26-27

When that time comes, you will make your requests to him in my own name, for I need make no promise to plead to the Father for you, for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. Phillips

And I will not need to ask the Father on your behalf, for you'll ask him directly because of your new relationship with me.[c] For the Father tenderly loves you, because you love me and believe that I've come from God. c "in my name" TPT

Then you can make your requests directly to him in relation to this life I've revealed to you. I won't continue making requests of the Father on your behalf. I won't need to. Because you've gone out on a limb, committed yourselves to love and trust in me, believing I came directly from the Father, the Father loves you directly. MSG

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