



# JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

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#563, Hymns for Worship

# Background

- This song dates to 1974
- Written & composed by Naida Hearn
- Vs. 2 was written by Dane Shepherd, (co-author of Hymns for Worship)
- This song addresses some of the names attributed to Jesus in scripture



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## Vs. 1, **Jesus**

- This was His earthly name
  - Means, “YWHW saves” (also “Joshua”)
  - Found about 980x in NT
  - Introduced – **Matthew 1:1**
  - Name given by God to Him – **Luke 1:31** (Mary)  
& **Matthew 1:18-21** (Joseph)
  - He would be raised a carpenter  
(**Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3**)



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# Vs. 1, Name above all Names

- **Philippians 2:9-11**

- Jesus humbled Himself, left heaven, came as a servant and died on the cross for us

- God has highly exalted Him (His resurrection and seated at His right hand)

- The name of Jesus is to be revered

- Luke 1:32**, called "Son of the Highest"

- Ephesians 1:21**, ... far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named..."



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# Vs. 1, Beautiful

- **Isaiah 4:2**
  - “The Branch of the LORD” a reference to Jesus (through David), ... shall be beautiful and glorious  
**cf. Jeremiah 23:5, Zechariah 3:8**
- **Psalm 27:4**, David desires to “*dwell in the house of the LORD... to behold the beauty of the LORD...*”



# Vs. 1, Beautiful Savior

- **1 John 4:14** - *“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as **Savior** of the world.”*
- A savior is a deliverer.  
Jesus thus described ~20x in NT  
**Acts 5:31**, *Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and **Savior**, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*



# Vs. 1, Glorious Lord

- **1 Corinthians 2:8** - *"which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified **the Lord of glory.**"*
- Being Lord means that Jesus is master or ruler.  
**1 Timothy 6:15**, ... *He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and **Lord of lords,**...*
- **Acts 2:36**, God made Him Lord and Christ
- **Romans 10:9, 13** – we confess Him as Lord and "call on the name of the Lord."
- Jesus is to rule over our lives



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# Vs. 1, Emanuel (Immanuel), God is with us

- **Matthew 1:22-23** - *"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**," which is translated, "God with us."*
- **RE: Isaiah 7:14**, the prophecy
- Certainly, Jesus was "God with us",  
**John 1:1-2, 14**



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# Vs. 1, Blessed Redeemer

- **Titus 2:14** - *“who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem** us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”*
- A redeemer is one who paid the price to purchase one's freedom.  
Sin enslaves us, Jesus redeemed us  
**1 Peter 1:18-19**



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# Vs. 1, Living Word

- **John 1:1** - *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*
- Words inform. They give us knowledge and understanding.
- Jesus came to reveal! **John 6:63**
- **John 14:6**, *"I am the way, the truth and the life..."*
- He revealed the will of the Father  
**John 12:48-50, cf. 14:9**
- His word bring us life – now & eternal



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# Vs. 2, **Jesus, Lord God Almighty**

- **Revelation 1:7-8** - *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, **the Almighty.**"*
- Almighty – all powerful (omnipotent)
- **Isaiah 9:6** *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**"* **Colossians 1:15-17**



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# Vs. 2, **Wonderful Counselor**

- **Isaiah 9:6**
- A counselor advises. Jesus, through His word advises (teaches) us. He directs us toward God and salvation
- Wonderful – indescribable (beyond comprehension)  
**Romans 11:33**
- He also stands as counsel before God for us -  
**Hebrews 4:15-16, 7:25**



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## Vs. 2, **Light of the world**

- **John 1:3-5**, He is introduced as life that was the light of men
- **John 8:12, 9:5**, “I am the Light of the world”
- In a world filled with darkness, we **NEED** His light to give us hope and direction.
- Also, do not forget **Matthew 5:14-16**, **Philippians 2:15** – we are to be (His) light of the world



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## Vs. 2, **The Prince of Peace**

- **Isaiah 9:6**, as prince we are again reminded that He is Lord.
- In a world filled with conflict, He brings us true and meaningful peace.
  - Peace with God - **Romans 8:7, 6:23, 5:1**
  - With God and man - **Ephesians 2:14-18**
  - Within – **John 14:27, 16:33, Philipppians 4:6-7, Colossians 3:15, Isaiah 26:3**



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## Vs. 2, Hope of glory

- **Colossians 1:27**, *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*
- In a hopeless world, we need a stable and lasting hope.

**Hebrews 6:19-20**

**1 Thessalonians 5:8** – it is the helmet of our salvation



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## Vs. 2, Man of Sorrows

- **Isaiah 53:3**, *He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*
- Jesus endured so much while on this earth. He bore OUR sins on that cross - **1 Peter 2:24**.
- While our life may involve suffering, He understands – **Hebrews 4:15-16**



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## Vs. 2, Lamb of God

- **John 1:29, 36**, *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*
- Jesus was the sacrifice that once and for all time could remove our sins.  
He is the "Passover lamb" -  
**cf. Hebrews 9-10, esp. 9:26-28, 10:14**
- **1 Corinthians 5:7**, *For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*



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# Concluding thoughts

- What is in a name?
- Plenty! It identifies who you are.  
The life you have lived is tied to your name.
- What do others think when your name is mentioned?  
**Proverbs 22:1**, *A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.*
- *We OUGHT to value our name AND that of our family*



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# Concluding thoughts

- While our name has meaning, there is NO greater name than the name of Jesus.
- This song reminds us of just how great that name is.
- *As Christians, we wear His name.*

**Let us wear His name proudly,  
humbly and reverently!**



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Let us pray!



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