



# He SHALL BE Called

A 25-Day Christmas Devotion



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In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you."

But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. Then the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end."

—Luke 1:26-33

## *Names have meaning.*

Your parents had a reason for the name they gave you. Maybe you were named after a family member. Perhaps you were named after someone in the Bible. Or it could have been that your parents just really liked your name.

More than 2,000 years ago, the angel Gabriel instructed Mary to name the coming king Jesus. This wasn't a random selection, nor did God have a list of names that He was deliberating over calling the Son of Man. God wanted Mary and Joseph to name this child on purpose, with purpose, and for a purpose.

The Bible refers to Jesus with many names: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Friend, the Lion of Judah, Immanuel, and many more. Each name helps us understand who Jesus is and how He loves us. This 25-day devotion book will help you learn some of the names of Jesus as you prepare for Christmas.

Luke tells us that Mary treasured things in her heart as she witnessed the miracles around Jesus's birth (Luke 2:19). My prayer is that you will also treasure Jesus, not just as the baby born in Bethlehem, but as your Lord and Savior who gives life and brings lasting joy. And I believe that understanding some of the names of Jesus will help you draw closer to Him this Christmas.

If you know me, you know that I love Christmas. I love the movies, music, food, decorations, and events of the season. But most of all, I love Jesus and am eternally grateful that Jesus stepped into our mess to bring us life.

This Christmas, I pray you step closer to Jesus than you ever have before. As you read, reflect, and pray, allow the names of Jesus to encourage you and draw you near to Him. This book will not cover every name of Jesus listed in the Bible, but I hope that it will serve you well as you fix your eyes on Jesus.

—Pastor Chase

DECEMBER 1:

# He Shall Be Called— Wonderful Counselor



**ISAIAH 9:6**

*For a child will  
be born for us,  
a son will be  
given to us, and  
the government  
will be on his  
shoulders. He  
will be named  
**Wonderful  
Counselor...***

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## **Wonderful Counselor**

Christmas is an amazing time of the year, but it can also be an amazingly difficult time. In the chaos of life, it is easy to be overwhelmed and unsure and to question which steps we should take while juggling busy schedules, family gatherings, and financial stress.

If this is where you find yourself today, know that there is encouragement and hope. Jesus not only knows where you are today, He knows what is going on in your heart. He is here to give you guidance and to counsel your weary heart and troubled soul. Jesus leads us with love and truth. He is our *Wonderful Counselor*.

Jesus is full of wisdom, guidance, and direction. He alone can perfectly minister to your heart. But you can only receive counsel if you go to the Counselor.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*What is weighing on your heart today? Spend some time in prayer sharing your heart with Jesus, your Wonderful Counselor.*

DECEMBER 2:

# He Shall Be Called— Jesus

## Jesus

In Hebrew, the name Jesus is pronounced *Yeshua*. It means *The Lord Saves* or *Yahweh Is Salvation*. That means that every time we say the name *Jesus*, we are declaring that He has the power to save, heal, and redeem us. Jesus's name isn't simply how we acknowledge Him—*His name is His mission statement*.

Jesus's name is a promise. Your sins and failures are no match for Jesus's redemption. He came to save you. He came to redeem you. He came to heal you.

Jesus is the only path to forgiveness of sins and fullness of life. To become a follower of Jesus, you must confess your sins, confess Jesus as your Lord, and believe in Him.

Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

## Pause and Reflect:

*Have you put your trust in Jesus and confessed Him as your Lord? To become a follower of Jesus, you must repent of your sins, confess Jesus as your Lord, and believe that He rose from the dead. Spend time praying to Jesus.*



## LUKE 1:31

*Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him **Jesus**.*



DECEMBER 3:

# He Shall Be Called— Immanuel



**MATTHEW 1:23**

*See, the virgin  
will become  
pregnant and  
give birth to a  
son, and they  
will name him  
**Immanuel**, which  
is translated  
“God is with us.”*

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## **Immanuel**

The name *Immanuel* is a reminder of the nearness of God. Jesus is never distant or distracted. From a lowly manger in a quiet town, to a crowded stadium, to the chaos in your living room, Jesus is near to us. The God who created the heavens and Earth chose to step into our humanity and walk with us. To be with us.

Christmas should be a reminder that we never walk alone. But many of us can feel alone during the holidays. Family issues, the loss of a loved one, work stress, and busy schedules can weigh on us during Christmas. Christmastime isn't a season when we ignore the difficulties around us; it is a time when we are reminded that Jesus is here with us, even in difficulties.

No matter what season you find yourself in, whether surrounded by joy or weighed down by pain and burdens, Jesus is present.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*Thank Jesus that you are never forgotten and are never alone,  
and ask Him to remind you of this truth today.*

DECEMBER 4:

# He Shall Be Called— The Way

## The Way

In a world filled with confusion and countless paths to choose from, Jesus shines as a gloriously different way. Jesus doesn't simply show us the way to live—He is *the Way*.

Jesus is the road that leads you to the Father.

Jesus is the path that leads you to life.

Jesus is your direction and peace.

Jesus is your hope.

Jesus is your joy.

Jesus invites you to walk with Him daily, trusting in His provision and direction because He is *the Way*. Following Jesus isn't an easy journey, but it is the road that leads to abundant life.

The greatest gift of Christmas isn't simply knowing the way you should live; it is knowing *the Way*.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Think about an area where you need clarity or direction. Ask Jesus for guidance and wisdom about what next steps to take.*



JOHN 14:6

*Jesus told him,  
“I am **the way**,  
the truth, and  
the life. No one  
comes to the  
Father except  
through me.”*



DECEMBER 5:

# He Shall Be Called— The Truth



JOHN 14:6

*Jesus told him,  
“I am the way,  
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## The Truth

Have you ever had a hard time believing someone was telling you the truth? There are opinions, half-truths, and flat-out lies that get passed off as truth.

Jesus said that He is *the Truth*. Jesus is incapable of telling a lie or a half-truth or making a mistake. He is our banner of truth and is the standard by which we live. He is reliable, flawless, unchanging, unshakable, and pure.

When you are uncertain, remember that truth isn't an idea—it is Jesus. He doesn't shift or change like our culture. Jesus is steady and sure. His voice will quiet the worries of your heart, steady your soul, and light your path as you faithfully follow Him.

Are you allowing Jesus to guide your thoughts, decisions, and actions? Following Jesus leads to freedom as we live the life God created for us.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Think about some lies you are tempted to believe. Bring those to Jesus and ask Him to lead you with the truth.*

DECEMBER 6:

# He Shall Be Called— The Life

## The Life

Lots of people say that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. But why? As great as it is to gather with family, give presents, sing Christmas songs, and eat treats, Christmas is a celebration of redemption entering the world.

The birth of Jesus was the birth of our eternal life. He invites us to deny ourselves and to accept the life He offers us. Romans 6:23 says that the “wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The most wonderful gift given at Christmas is God’s gift of eternal life, which is made possible with Jesus.

Jesus rescues us from death, brings light to our darkness, and restores what is broken inside of our hearts. Jesus offers us a life of meaning, hope, love, and purpose. That is worth celebrating.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Today, thank Jesus that life is available through Him. Write out your testimony and reflect on the ways Jesus arranged your life so that you would come to know Him.*



JOHN 14:6

*Jesus told him,  
“I am the way,  
the truth, and  
**the life.** No one  
comes to the  
Father except  
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DECEMBER 7:

# He Shall Be Called— Mighty God



**ISAIAH 9:6**

*For a child will  
be born for us,  
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## **Mighty God**

The all-powerful God of the universe humbled Himself to be born as a small baby laid in a manger. Maybe today you need a reminder of the mighty power of Jesus.

Jesus is the One who healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, boldly proclaimed truth, and calmed the storms. Colossians 1:16-17 tells us that everything was created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him, all things are held together. That is the power of our God!

When life is heavy, remember that the same power that holds the universe together is holding you together. Nothing that you face is beyond His power. This Christmas, you can rest in Jesus's mighty power, celebrate His strength, and rely on Him.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*In what ways do you need Jesus's might and strength in your life? Spend some time in prayer, asking Jesus to move mightily.*

DECEMBER 8:

# He Shall Be Called— The Bread of Life

## The Bread of Life

There are plenty of carbs during the Christmas season. Some of my favorites are pies, cookies, cakes, rolls, cinnamon rolls, and breads. Are you hungry yet? It's funny how we can think about our favorite dessert and our stomachs start to crave it.

Jesus is to our lives what bread is to our bodies. Jesus sustains us, nourishes us, and gives us life. We should have a deep longing and craving to be with our Savior. He satisfies our spiritual hunger the way no Christmas treat ever could. If you find yourself spiritually hungry today, don't settle for crumbs. The more we spend time with Him, the more our souls are satisfied.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Where in your life are you craving fulfillment or guidance?  
Bring that to Jesus through prayer and ask Him to renew and  
nourish your soul.*



JOHN 6:35

*"I am **the bread of life**," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again."*

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DECEMBER 9:

# He Shall Be Called— The Gate



**JOHN 10:7-10**

*Jesus said again,  
“Truly I tell you,  
I am **the gate**  
for the sheep.  
All who came  
before me are  
thieves and  
robbers, but the  
sheep didn’t  
listen to them. I  
am **the gate**. If  
anyone enters  
by me, he will  
be saved and  
will come in and  
go out and find  
pasture. A thief  
comes only to  
steal and kill and  
destroy. I have  
come so that  
they may have  
life and have it in  
abundance.”*

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## **The Gate**

When Jesus said, “I am *the Gate*,” He revealed Himself as the only entrance into eternal life. A gate or door has two main purposes: It allows access and provides protection. A door opens to welcome those who belong and closes to guard against danger.

In the same way, Jesus is *the Gate* that gives us access to salvation. He welcomes everyone into the family of God. He also serves as a protector, keeping God’s people from the enemy.

This season, you may open your home to friends and family to enjoy meals, share stories, and spend time with one another. Jesus is inviting you to enter into the family of God, to step through the door of faith and find rest.

When we walk through *the Gate*, we find belonging and safety. We are home with our Savior who loves, leads, and guides us.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*Do you need protection against the enemy or rest? Take a moment to bring those areas to Jesus.*

DECEMBER 10:

# He Shall Be Called— The Good Shepherd

## The Good Shepherd

Most days, many of us don't like the idea of being led. We want to be able to do our own thing, on our own time, in our own ways. But honestly, those are the times when we get into the most trouble in our lives.

Jesus said that He isn't just a shepherd—He is *the Good Shepherd*. A good shepherd knows each of his sheep, guides them, cares for them, protects them, and leads them. That is who Jesus is for us. He knows His followers deeply, personally, and authentically. He laid down His life for the sheep so that we may have the life that we don't deserve. Jesus protects us by empowering us with the Spirit. Jesus fights our battles and leads us with truth. Jesus guides us with grace and mercy.

It was no accident that the first people who heard the heavenly birth announcement were the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night (Luke 2:8). The shepherds stayed awake at night to protect the flock from danger. This Christmas, know that Jesus is lovingly keeping watch over your life as His follower.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Let Jesus speak to areas in your life that need direction and care. Bring those to Him in prayer and ask Him to guide you.*



JOHN 10:14-15

*"I am **the good shepherd**. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep."*

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DECEMBER 11:

# He Shall Be Called— The Vine



JOHN 15:5

*I am **the vine**;  
you are the  
branches. The  
one who remains  
in me and I in  
him produces  
much fruit,  
because you  
can do nothing  
without me.*

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## The Vine

Christmas is full of connections. We gather around tables, send Christmas cards, share stories, and celebrate with family and friends. Yet, even in the middle of these celebrations, many people still feel deeply disconnected. That's why Jesus's words matter so much today.

Just as a vine gives life to the branches, Jesus is our source of life. When we stay connected to Him, our lives bear fruit. But when we drift away, we begin to wither inside. True life and true joy are only found in our connection with Jesus.

This season, take time to reconnect with *the Vine* who gives you life. Spend a few more moments praying. Open the Bible. Worship with the church family. Don't allow the busyness of this season to pull you away from our only source of life.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Think of an area in your life that feels disconnected from Jesus. Bring that to Him through prayer and ask for renewed connection and life.*

DECEMBER 12:

# He Shall Be Called— The Light of the World

## The Light of the World

Christmas lights are everywhere in December. Houses, trees, rooftops, and stores are decorated with shining lights. And some people can't wait until December to decorate, so their houses have been glowing for weeks!

A reason we decorate with Christmas lights is because Jesus said that He is *The Light of the World*. The lights that fill our homes and neighborhoods remind us that Jesus stepped into the darkness of the world to illuminate it with His love.

The world is often dimmed by worry, doubts, and evil. But from the very beginning, the Light has been shining, and darkness is unable to overcome Him. Let every Christmas light you see point your heart back to Jesus, *The Light of the World* who gives life to all who follow Him.

## Pause and Reflect:

*As you see lights this season, pause and thank Jesus for being your Light and ask Him to shine through you so you can be a light to others.*



JOHN 8:12

*Jesus spoke to them again: "I*

*am **the light***  
***of the world.***

*Anyone who*  
*follows me will*  
*never walk in the*  
*darkness but will*  
*have the light of*  
*life."*

DECEMBER 13:

# He Shall Be Called— The Resurrection



**JOHN 11:25-26**

*Jesus said to her, "I am **the resurrection** and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

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## **The Resurrection**

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birth, but the manger leads us to the empty tomb. The baby who was wrapped in cloth and laid in the manger would eventually be wrapped in linens and laid in a tomb. But that tomb was not His final resting place. Three days later He rose from the dead, defeating death, sin, and guilt forever.

Jesus brings life to the lifeless, hope to the hopeless, and peace to the broken. His resurrection power is still at work today, renewing lives and restoring joy. Christmas is an opportunity to celebrate not only Jesus's birth, but also His resurrection. We have life and victory because our Savior lives.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*Identify one area in your life that feels dead or broken. Ask Jesus to bring life there today.*

DECEMBER 14:

# He Shall Be Called— Eternal Father

## **Eternal Father**

Even with all of the holiday events, Christmas can still feel heavy and messy. In those moments, it's comforting to remember that Jesus is our *Eternal Father*. He is not a distant, detached, or distracted parent. Jesus isn't too busy for you. He is always willing to spend time with you and to draw close to you.

He sees your fears, goals, and frustrations. He knows your hopes, dreams, and disasters. He celebrates your successes and grieves over your sins. Jesus never grows tired of you. He never wants to leave you. He never forgets you. He will never stop loving you.

If you've put your faith and trust in Him as your Lord and Savior, He is your perfect, *Eternal Father*.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*Think of one area in your life that needs the care of the Father. Bring that to Jesus through prayer and ask for comfort, care, or direction.*



## **ISAIAH 9:6**

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given to us, and  
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will be on his  
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Wonderful  
Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Eternal Father...*

DECEMBER 15:

# He Shall Be Called— Alpha and Omega



**REVELATION 22:13**

*I am the **Alpha**  
**and the Omega**,  
the first and  
the last, the  
beginning and  
the end.*

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## **Alpha and Omega**

When you were in school you had to memorize the ABCs. These twenty-six letters are essential for us to be able to communicate. Every word is made up of letters, and every letter must be in its place to make our language understandable. If you miss a few letters, the word or sentence is incomplete and doesn't make sense.

Jesus says that He is the *Alpha and the Omega*, which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He is before everything, and He will be here long after everything is gone. Jesus holds everything together. Without Him, nothing can be understood. Without Jesus, life is incomplete, confusing, and uncertain.

Every story, every life, and every person finds a beginning and end in Jesus. When we surrender to and abide in Him, our lives are complete. Praise God that we are held together by the *Alpha and Omega*.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*Consider areas in your life that are confusing or incomplete. Bring these to Jesus and ask for Him to bring wholeness and clarity to these areas of your life.*

DECEMBER 16:

# He Shall Be Called— Cornerstone

## Cornerstone

In ancient architecture, the cornerstone was the stone that secured and aligned a building. It was typically the first stone laid as a foundation, and everything else was built against it. It was the most important part of the building.

Jesus is our *Cornerstone*. He is the one with whom our lives are aligned, and He is the foundation that we build our lives upon. He holds the weight of our lives and all creation. He alone is our firm foundation.

When storms come, when life is shaky, and when problems arise, we can walk by faith and with confidence because Jesus, our *Cornerstone*, is immovable. Jesus should be the foundation of our thoughts, decisions, and our lives. Without Jesus, our lives would crumble under the weight of our sin.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Are there areas in your life where things are shaky and unstable? Ask Jesus to be your Cornerstone and guide you.*



## EPHESIANS 2:19-22

*So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit.*

DECEMBER 17:

# He Shall Be Called— Lion of Judah



## REVELATION 5:5

*Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Look, the **Lion from the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”*

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## Lion of Judah

Most Christmas decorations depict Jesus as an infant who was helpless and vulnerable. While this is accurate about Jesus’s birth, it’s important to know that Jesus grew up and is the *Lion of Judah*—strong, powerful, and victorious.

Born in humility, He reigns as the victorious King. Jesus is *the Lion* who conquers our sin, shame, and guilt. He is our strength when we are weak, our courage when we are afraid, and our hope when we despair. He walks with power and majesty.

*The Lion of Judah* isn’t prowling to see whom He can devour; He walks with us. You can rest in His strength and walk confidently under His care.

## Pause and Reflect:

*What areas in your life are weak, and in what ways do you have fear? Ask Jesus, the Lion of Judah, to give you strength and courage and to lead you.*

DECEMBER 18:

# He Shall Be Called— Lamb of God

## Lamb of God

Jesus was born with one purpose: to die as the sacrifice for humanity's sins.

He is the pure sacrifice, because He is without sin. He is the sufficient sacrifice, because He is fully human and perfectly obeyed the Father. He is the perfect sacrifice, because His death, burial, and resurrection cover all sins: past, present, and future.

Hebrews reminds us that Jesus's sacrifice was once and for all. There is no sin too gross, regret too deep, or pain too heavy. His bloodshed on the cross as the *Lamb of God* covers our sins and makes forgiveness available to all who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior.

We worship the God who not only stepped into our humanity, but sacrificed His life on our behalf. Because of the *Lamb of God*, we are forgiven, restored, and welcomed into the family of God.

## Pause and Reflect:

*What in your life needs to be restored? What do you need to confess that needs forgiveness? Spend some time in prayer confessing sin, repenting, and thanking Jesus for His sacrifice for your life.*



JOHN 1:29

*The next day  
John saw Jesus  
coming toward  
him and said,  
“Look, the **Lamb  
of God**, who  
takes away the  
sin of the world!”*

DECEMBER 19:

# He Shall Be Called— King of Kings



## REVELATION 19:16

*And he has a  
name written on  
his robe and on  
his thigh: **King of  
Kings** and Lord  
of Lords.*

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### King of Kings

The *King of Kings* didn't stay in the palace but moved into our community. Jesus stepped out of heaven to rescue our world from the power of darkness and bring life and restoration. No matter the situation you face or the problems that pop up in your life, Jesus rules over all.

His power is perfect.

His authority is absolute.

His kingdom lasts forever.

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to live in humble service and devotion to Him. Just as the wise men brought gifts to the newborn King (Matthew 2), we are called to offer our worship, talents, and lives to the *King of Kings*.

Today, bow before Jesus. Commit your life to His work. Trust His leadership. Jesus isn't just the baby in Bethlehem; today He sits on the throne at the right hand of God as the *King of Kings*.

### Pause and Reflect:

*What areas in your life do you need to trust Jesus in? Bring those to Jesus in prayer and ask Him to guide your heart and decisions as you submit to Him as your King of Kings.*

DECEMBER 20:

# He Shall Be Called— Lord of Lords

## Lord of Lords

Jesus is the King of Kings and the *Lord of Lords*. What is the difference between the two? A king reigns over a kingdom, and a lord is the authority or ruler over people.

While there is some overlapping meaning of *King of Kings* and *Lord of Lords*, the picture is clear—Jesus is the supreme authority over every leader, government, and ruler on Earth. No one can stand against Jesus. Nothing can challenge Him.

As *Lord of Lords*, Jesus is our ruler, boss, and ultimate authority. You can rest in His leadership and trust His control in every moment of your life. You are never outside of His provision and care. The *Lord of Lords* who oversees everything also sees our every need and concern! First Peter 5:7 says, “casting your cares on him, because he cares about you.”

## Pause and Reflect:

*In what ways do you need to surrender your control to Jesus?  
Spend some time in prayer yielding and submitting to His  
leadership in your life.*



## REVELATION 19:16

*And he has a  
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DECEMBER 21:

# He Shall Be Called— Prince of Peace



## ISAIAH 9:6

*For a child will  
be born for us,  
a son will be  
given to us, and  
the government  
will be on his  
shoulders. He  
will be named  
Wonderful  
Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Eternal Father,  
**Prince of Peace.***

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## Prince of Peace

The arrival of Jesus on that first Christmas was the arrival of peace to a restless world. Jesus is the one who calms the storms of life, quiets anxious hearts, and restores lives. Peace doesn't come from the absence of problems but from the presence of our Savior.

Are you overwhelmed?  
Is your family facing a tough season?  
Is despair creeping in?

The peace of Jesus is available to you today. The peace Jesus brings comes from His presence, His power, and His promises.

To experience it, you must stay connected to Him as your source of life. If you are in need of peace today, spend a few minutes connecting with Jesus through prayer, diving into the truth of God's Word, or sitting in quiet solitude to allow His presence to restore you. He is your Prince of Peace.

## Pause and Reflect:

*What is causing anxiety, worry, or despair in your life? Bring those to Jesus and ask Him to bring calm, peace, and healing today.*

DECEMBER 22:

# He Shall Be Called— Great High Priest

## Great High Priest

Jesus is our *Great High Priest*, our mediator who stands before God on our behalf. In the Old Testament, the priests were the men who would stand before God on behalf of the people and offer sacrifices for their sins. As the *Great High Priest*, Jesus offered His own life as a once-and-for-all sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world.

He is fully God and fully man. He walked in our shoes, faced struggles and temptations, but never sinned. Because of Him, the gap between us and God has been bridged. Through Jesus, we have direct access to God. Our *Great High Priest* loves us so much that He laid His life down to pay the price for our sins.

## Pause and Reflect:

*What is standing between you and Jesus today? Confess that to Him and thank Jesus for being your Great High Priest that sacrificed His life for you.*



## HEBREWS 4:14-15

*Therefore, since we have a **great high priest** who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a **high priest** who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.*

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DECEMBER 23:

# He Shall Be Called— Friend



JOHN 15:15

*I do not call  
you servants  
anymore,  
because a  
servant doesn't  
know what his  
master is doing.  
I have called you  
**friends**, because  
I have made  
known to you  
everything I have  
heard from my  
Father.*

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## Friend

Jesus calls His followers friends. The significance of this passage is easy to overlook, so let me say it again: If you follow Jesus, He calls you His friend.

Some people like to name drop famous people they've met. They'll tell stories about bumping into someone well-known, but chances are that that famous person doesn't even remember the interaction.

Now stop and think about all of the names of Jesus you've reflected on in this devotion: King of Kings, Good Shepherd, Lion of Judah, The Way, The Prince of Peace.

The Creator of the universe, the One who reigns over everything, calls you friend.

He is your companion. You can talk with Him, share your worries with Him, trust Him, confide in Him, and rest in Him. He isn't a distant ruler; He knows you deeply and personally. He invited you to know Him in the same way. The most important person in the history of mankind is willing to be your *Friend*. May we never lose our awe and appreciation for Jesus's presence in our lives.

## Pause and Reflect:

*Do you feel close to your Friend, Jesus? Spend some time in prayer confessing sins and drawing near to Him.*

DECEMBER 24:

# He Shall Be Called— Savior

## Savior

The arrival of Jesus was the arrival of your joy.  
The arrival of Jesus was the arrival of your hope.  
The arrival of Jesus was the arrival of your salvation.

The multitude of angels proclaimed the best news that we could ever hear—the *Savior* was born. He came to meet you where you are, heal your broken heart, forgive you of your sins, and offer you life to the fullest.

The *Savior* who was born in Bethlehem is alive today. He sees your worries, knows your pain, and walks with you today. You are never alone, and nothing in your life is beyond His reach.

He comes to restore and renew. He invites you to receive forgiveness of your sins, experience His love, and find new life in Him today. Will you accept the gift of salvation and follow Jesus as your Lord and *Savior*?

## Pause and Reflect:

*Think about what in your life needs to be restored. Bring that to Jesus through prayer and ask for Him to save and bring restoration.*



LUKE 2:11

*Today in the  
city of David a  
**Savior** was born  
for you, who is  
the Messiah, the  
Lord.*

DECEMBER 25:

# He Shall Be Called— Messiah



LUKE 2:11

*Today in the  
city of David a  
Savior was born  
for you, who is  
the **Messiah**, the  
Lord.*

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## **Messiah**

Today we celebrate the gift that changes everything—the birth of Jesus our *Messiah*.

The words *Messiah* and *Christ* both mean *The Anointed One*.

The Jewish people had waited centuries for the *Messiah*. He would come from the line of David, rescue Israel, and establish God's kingdom on Earth.

On the first Christmas, Jesus arrived as the long-awaited *Messiah*. But His mission wasn't only to rescue Israel; He came to bring salvation to the whole world. Jesus said this of Himself: "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus came to lift the burden of our sins and release us from its power. He is the One whom we've been hoping for. He is our *Messiah*. And today we celebrate His birth.

## **Pause and Reflect:**

*Spend some time praising Jesus that He is your **Messiah**, who forgives your sins and leads you to eternal life.*



O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye,  
O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of Angels  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ, the Lord

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