

ADVENT READINGS

ST MATTHEW'S SHENTON PARK



The Names of Jesus

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas this season, there is no better way than to dwell on Jesus himself, the Light of the world.

Jesus cannot be reduced to only the names he bears. We know him by his word to us, his saving actions, and the adoration he receives, and his names and titles give us a deeper understanding of the person and the work of the King we celebrate, Jesus

1. The Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

2. I Am

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" (John 8:58)

3. Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

4. Son of God

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

5. Messiah

The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." (John 4:25-26)

6. Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

7. The Vine

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. (John 15:1)

8. The Way, the Truth, the Life

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

9. Light of the World

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

10. Lamb of God

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

11. Great High Priest

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

(Hebrews 4:14)

12. Son of Man

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

13. Alpha & Omega

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

14. Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ." (Mark 8:29)

15. King of Kings

They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers. (Revelation 17:14)

16. The Lord

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)

17. Redeemer

"This is what the Lord says—
your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb:
I am the Lord,
the Maker of all things,
who stretches out the heavens,
who spreads out the earth by myself
(Isaiah 44:24)

18. Mediator

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)

19. Advocate

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. (1 John 2:1)

20. Man of Sorrows

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of sorrows, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. (Isaiah 53:3)

21. Cornerstone

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:19-20)

22. Immanuel

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). (Matthew 1:23)

23. Servant

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (Philippians 2:6-7)

24. Saviour

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

25. Jesus

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

Join us again!

Kids & Carols

5:30pm Christmas Eve A fun, family festival of Christmas at Rosalie Primary School

CHRISTMAS EVE

11pm at St Matthew's A reflective Christmas celebration

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am at Rosalie Primary School
A Christmas celebration for
everyone

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