

Jesus Christ  
Matthew 1:21

The greatest miracle of the ages is captured in the expression of two words: Jesus Christ. This name was given to the son of Mary, the Son of God. Jesus is his earthly name; Christ his heavenly name. It is a combination of human and divine, creating the most dynamic personality ever to cross the stage of human history. In him the divine condescended to walk with men, and human flesh was exalted to clothe the eternal. The angel said, "Call his name Jesus." Then the angel gave this reason for the naming: "He shall save the people from their sins."

Human names and titles are some of the most important features in the thought pattern of the whole world. In ancient times names were even more significant than today. A person's name was an index to his character. Jesus name was a prophecy that was destined to reverberate down the corridors of the ages for time and eternity. It was a name that was ordained to rise above every other name in heaven and earth. The name of Jesus has been the most familiar name in every generation for the past two thousand years even to this day.

The bearer of this name was born in a manger among the cattle, in one of the most insignificant cities on earth, nearly twenty centuries ago. He was the son of peasant parents, never traveling more than two hundred miles from the place of his birth, and died like a criminal at the age of thirty-three. Since Jesus' life and death, no king, no president, nor any other head of state has affected the world as he.

Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Julius Caesar, Charlemagne, and others changed the course of history, built empires, and covered the face of the earth with the dead bodies of millions of their fellow men. Today, these names are relegated to the dusty memories

of the long ago past. Yet, after nearly two thousand years, the mention of the name of Jesus in this radio broadcast sends a quickening thrill of recognition through the souls of you who listen. The very pronouncement of that name makes the whole universe to quiver with spontaneous enthusiasm.

A name which makes wicked men to fear and devils to tremble,

A name that spells eternal doom to the devil and his angels,

A name that is the remedy for all sin,

A name that is the battle cry of untold millions of Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

A name that gives strength to the weak, makes the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the blind to see.

A name whose reverberating accents have made the hearts of a hundred generations awake out of the slumbers of deadly sin and sing with rapture sweet:

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in mine ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Men have compared him to the great prophets. But when the chiefest of them stood with him on the Mount of Transfiguration, the voice from the cloud declared, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Men have compared him to Socrates, but Socrates drank the fatal hemlock and lay down to eternal sleep. Today, the dust of the philosopher's body lies yonder in the tombs of Greece. Jesus Christ died on a Roman cross and was laid in a borrowed tomb, but the third day, he arose again. Today, he that was dead is sitting at the right hand of power and glory, getting ready to burst the skys and return to this earth again, putting all things under his feet and crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.

Of none of the great statesmen and philosophers can it be said that they were holy. Because Jesus lived a holy life, thousands of men since that day have partaken of his holiness.

Sweetest carol ever sung  
Sweetest name on mortal tongue  
Sweetest note in seraph song  
Jesus, blessed Jesus.

There is power in the name of Jesus. Simon Peter lifted the lame man to his feet at the beautiful gate through the power of the name of Jesus.

There is comfort in that name. The very whisper of the name of Jesus has calmed many a troubled soul and healed many a broken heart.

There is deliverance in that name. The mention of that name has loosed the chains of infirmities and bondage that bind the prisoners fast. It has unlocked the prison doors and set the captives free.

There is salvation in that name. No other name given under heaven whereby men may be saved. The repetition of that name has robbed hell of its tenants and populated heaven with happy, redeemed, shouting saints.

If you are pressed with some temptation, burdened down with some load, or suffering with some affliction, whisper the name of Jesus.

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe.  
It will joy and comfort give you, take it then where-e'er you go.  
Precious name, O how sweet – hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
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