



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

CALL HIM JESUS

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

The plan for Jesus' incarnation was determined before the foundations of the world (Eph 1:4). Matthew opens his gospel by presenting the genealogical record from Abraham, through David, to Jesus. Name follows after name, one giving way to another. Better knowns and unknowns, the names flow, repetitively, until One Name. Jesus.

The mention of His name brings the list to a halt. Everything, everyone, led up to this. JESUS!

In this name, Mary and Joseph's anxious souls found rest. In this name, a lost people would be saved. In this name, nations will hope. Before this name, every knee will bow.

What is in this name? Why call him Jesus? Drawing from the Old Testament and culminating in the New Testament, we will discover together why it is in this name alone that someone can be saved..

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 130; Matthew 1; Philippians 2:5-11

Humility unleashes God's grace for hard times.

Make much of God, not yourself.

I. A community of humility unleashes God's grace. (1-5)

"If pride is the epidemic vice, then humility is the endangered virtue." Stuart Scott

A. Humble leaders. (1-4)

B. Humble community. (5a)

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another. (5)

II. Humility before God unleashes God's strength before our enemy. (6-11)

A. Cast your cares on Him.

When we carry our cares and anxieties ourselves, we are proud.

B. Be alert. No place for relaxed faith, or complacency.

C. Resist Satan. Stand firm in the faith. (9)

The God of grace will make you stand strong! (10)

How does this apply to me?



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