

“Naming Rights”

Based on Matthew 1:20b-21 & Luke 1:30-31 (NIV)
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Matthew 1:20b-21

20 ...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your
wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
21 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."

† **Joseph has a special role in this special event.**

† **Joseph, as a “son of David”,
meaning “in the lineage of David,”
would establish the royal line of King David.**

Luke 1:30-31

30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have
found favor with God.
31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give
him the name Jesus."

† **The baby receives a very common human name,
Jesus.**

† **Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name
Joshua and it means “God Saves.”**

† **Just as Joshua led the people into the promised
land on earth, Jesus will lead his people into the
promised land of eternal life.**

Matthew 1:21b - "... because he will save his people from their
sins."

† **Jesus came to earth to save me because I cannot
save myself from sin and its consequences.**

† **Nothing less than outside intervention can rescue
me from my sinning.**

† **Only God can save me and God does it through
Jesus.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† How did I get my name?

† What does my name mean (www.behindthename.com)?

† If God named me now, what would my name mean
(say about me)?

† When has God saved me - When have I experienced
God's "outside intervention"?

† How will I experience God's 'outside intervention'
this week?