

# The Christ

By Doug Hamilton

Where do you start out with a sermon about Christ? *John 21:25* says, “*And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.*” There is so much to compress into a sermon about Jesus that we will limit it to just some of the many name of Christ from the Bible.

## 1) Leader.

### a. Shepherd:

A shepherd is the loving caretaker of the sheep. Jesus is the leading Shepherd for the church.

- He is our Chief Shepherd in 1 Peter 5:4, the Good Shepherd in John 10:11, 14 and the Great Shepherd Hebrews 13:20.
- He is the prophesied “Mighty One” Shepherd of Genesis 49:24, the one Shepherd of Isaiah Ezekiel 34:23, the arisen Shepherd of Micah 5:4 and the stricken Shepherd of Zechariah 7:7.
- He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls in 1 Peter 2:25, the Shepherd-speaking Lamb of Revelation 7:17 and the Shepherd of the people of Israel in Matthew 2:6.
- We are the stupid sheep in need of lying down in green pastures and being led to the still waters. We desperately need to be led down the path of righteousness for His names sake. We need the best Shepherd possible to lead us to the throne seat of God. Jesus is our leader as a Shepherd.

### b. King:

A king is one who leads a kingdom. Jesus was announced as royalty by the prophet Isaiah in 9:6, “*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*”

- Jesus accepted the title when quoting Zechariah (9:9) in John 12:15, “*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*”
- When his kingship was challenged by Pilate in John 18:37, Jesus answered, “*You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.*”
- He was the King of Israel of John 1:49, the King of the Jews of Matthew 27:11 and the King of the Ages in Revelation 15:3.
- Jesus is the *King of kings* in 1 Timothy 6:15 and *Ruler of the Kings of the Earth* in Revelation 1:5. This means Jesus is Pharaoh’s Pharaoh, Herod’s Herod and Caesar’s Caesar. He is our King, making us a *royal priesthood* in 1 Peter 2:9.

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### c. Lord:

We are told in 1 Peter 3:15 to “*sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you...*” The word Lord is *kurios*, meaning he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of decision. Lord is the title given to the One to whom we submit our rights.

- We are told that Jesus is our Lord in 2 Peter 2:20, that He is the Lord of All in Acts 10:36, and the Lord of Glory in 1 Corinthians 2:8.
- Jesus is the Lord of lords of Revelation 19:16, making all who surrender their rights to come under His authority.
- All authority in heaven and on earth was given unto Him (Matthew 28:19) because He is Lord! Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11). “*Indeed there are many gods and many lords, <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ* (1 Corinthians 4:5-6).

## 2) Versatile

### a. Son:

When the word *son* is used to describe someone, it is in reference to shared qualities of another. We use a saying, “Like father, like son” in our modern vocabulary. In the first-century, they used the “son of \_\_\_\_\_” statements to capture the concept. Jesus has many *Son* names to show us deeper meaning.

- He is the Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1) to illustrate His Genealogy.
- He is the Son of David (Lk. 18:39) to illustrate His Royalty.
- He is the Son of Man (Mt. 8:20) to illustrate His Humanity.
- He is the Son of the Blessed One (Mark 14:61) to illustrate His Sanctity.
- He is the Son of God (John 1:49; Heb. 4:14) to illustrate His Divinity.
- He is the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16) to illustrate His Consistency.
- He is the Son of the Most High (Luke 1:32) to illustrate His Authority.

Our Savior has genealogy, royalty, humanity, sanctity divinity, consistency and authority. The concept of *son* is the only word which describes Jesus in these terms.

### b. High Priest:

We are told that Jesus is the High Priest for the Christian in Hebrews 2:17. The High Priest was the one person who would mediate for God on behalf of the people. *Hebrews 8:3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.* For the Christian, Jesus “*has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises*” (Hebrews 8:6). This is what makes Him our Great High Priest of Hebrews 4:14. Jesus is mediating to reconcile us to God. He is our High Priest.

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### c. Rock/Stone:

Jesus said to Peter concerning His approaching death, burial and resurrection, “...upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.” A rock or stone is something which is very solid and sure for which one can build upon. The church of Christ was to be founded in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. He is our ROCK!

- He is the Rock which brought forth water in 1 Corinthians 10:4.
- He is the Capstone of Acts 4:11 and 1 Peter 2:7.
- Jesus is the Living Stone of 1 Peter 2:4, which continually affects the life of the Christian.
- He is the Chief Cornerstone of Ephesians 2:20.
- He is the Precious Cornerstone of the church in 1 Peter 2:6.
- He was the *Stone cut out of the mountain* which crushes the kingdoms of the world in Daniel 2:45.
- He is also the Stone which the builders reject of Psalm 118:22, Matthew 21:42 and Acts 4:11.

### d. Lamb:

- He is the Lamb in Revelation 13:8.
- He is the omnipotent, omniscient “*Seven-horned, Seven-eyed*” of Revelation 5:6.
- He is the *Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the people* in John 1:29.
- He is our Sacrificed Passover Lamb of 1 Corinthians 5:7.
- He was the Lamb without blemish (1 Peter 1:19) who was the Atoning Sacrifice for our Sins (1 John 2:2).

### e. Eternal:

- He is called the *Alpha and Omega* in Revelation 1:8 and 22:13.
- He is called the *Beginning and End* in Revelation 22:13.
- He is called the *First and Last* in Revelation 1:17 and 2:8.
- He was referred to as the Everlasting in Isaiah 9:6.
- The apostle Paul called him the *King Eternal* in 1 Timothy 1:17.

These are just a few of Jesus’ versatile roles. He is our Husband (2 Corinthians 11:2), Protector (2 Thessalonians 3:3), Redeemer (1 Corinthians 1:30), Righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30), Prophet (Acts 3:22) and Righteous Branch (Jeremiah 23:5). He is extremely versatile!

## 3) Savior

Jesus is the Savior of Ephesians 5:23; Titus 1:4; 2 Peter 2:20, but what does He save us from? Here are three ways we are saved by Jesus.

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### a. Salvation from Sins:

Do you not remember that “*He appeared in order to take away sins*” (1 John 3:5). This was the primary business of His mission, to save people from their sins.

- He was referred to as *Author of Salvation* in Hebrews 2:10.
- He was called the *Horn of Salvation* in Luke 1:69.
- He is the *Source of Eternal Salvation for all who obey Him* in Hebrews 5:9.

Without having our sins forgiven, we are nothing. With it, we have everything. Jesus saves people from their sins.

### b. Salvation from Death:

- He is the *Firstborn From the Dead* (Revelation 1:5) who is alive forevermore.
- He is the *Author of Life* in Acts 3:15 and the *Bread of Life* in John 6:35.
- He called Himself the *Way, the truth and the Life* in John 14:6.
- He is *Eternal Life* in 1 John 1:2 and the Resurrection and Life of John 11:25.

Jesus said in John 10:10, “*...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*” He came to rescue us from the living death of hell.

### c. Salvation from Suffering:

- He is the Morning Star of a new day for the persecuted in Revelation 22:16.
- He is the Bread of God and the True Bread to the hungry in John 6:32-33.
- He is the Light of the World to the blind in John 8:12.
- He is the Faithful and True Witness to the fainthearted in Revelation 3:14.
- He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah to the weak in Revelation 5:5.
- He is the One Mediator to the voiceless in 1 Timothy 2:5.
- He is the Deliverer to those in danger in Romans 11:26.

These are just three areas to summarize Jesus’ life in one sermon. He is a Leader, Versatile and our Savior. If He is not all those things to you, then make Him this in your life today!