



THE NAME OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING: “And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17 NIV)

As I entered the dairy section of my local supermarket something suddenly caught my attention. My son’s name was being paged over the intercom. “Oh yes, he is working today. Perhaps I’ll see him before I leave”, I thought to myself. Just hearing the name of my first-born heightened my stature as I lifted my chin and smiled. That was my son, the one I love, and whose name is like music to my ears.

I can only imagine the joy of our Lord as His Son ascended from the waters of baptism. The task ahead, though grueling, would change the world by bringing salvation to all mankind. The Father could not help but proclaim to humanity, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” But few respond to the name of the Jesus as His Father did that day. Like the shoppers who never blinked an eye when hearing the name of my son, many hear the name of Jesus and continue on unchanged.

What does the name of Jesus signify to you? What impact, if any, does it have on your life? Jesus isn’t only God’s Son, He is our husband and we are His bride. Our hearts should quicken at the very mention of His name. Our chins should lift proudly knowing that we are His and He is ours. Ask for more of Jesus today. Lift His name high by honoring Him in all you do. Glorify the name of Christ!

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, may Your name bring new joy to my heart today. Help me to walk closely at Your side and reflect You in all that I do. I receive your name and the hope that it brings. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Amen.