

The Person & Work of God the Son

Study 11

We've spent the last few months looking at the nature of Jesus as our role model for how we are to live out our Christian faith. Now we want to expand our biblical understanding of Jesus' nature by doing a study of the various names and titles by which He is identified. Names and titles are important in scripture because they reveal something about the nature of the person. By looking at the names and titles the Bible ascribes to Jesus we can grow in our appreciation of who He is, which will help us to love, trust and worship Him more!

1) Jesus

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ..."

Revelation 1:1

What does the name "*Jesus*" mean and why is that important to you?

What does the title "*Christ*" mean, and what does that tell you about Jesus' mission?

2) The faithful witness

"the faithful witness"

Revelation 1:5a

Of what, and/or Who, is Jesus *the faithful witness*?

Why is that title important in our understanding of God? (see Colossians 1:15)

3) The firstborn from the dead

"the firstborn from the dead."

Revelation 1:5b

The Bible records the resurrection of many people (the son of the widow of Zarephath, Lazarus, etc.) so what does it mean that Jesus is the "*firstborn from the dead*"? How was Jesus' resurrection different than Lazarus' and why is that significant to Christians?

4) Ruler over the kings of the earth

“the ruler over the kings of the earth.”
Revelation 1:5c

The vast majority of kings, presidents, and world leaders today do not acknowledge Jesus as their ruler. How then is Jesus the “*ruler of the kings of the earth*”?

5) Alpha & Omega, the Beginning & the End

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, *“who is and who was and who is to come.”*
Revelation 1:8

Here in vs. 8 Jesus describes Himself by a number of titles that all communicate something about His nature—what is it? What attribute(s) do these titles describe?

6) The Almighty

“the Almighty.”
Revelation 1:8b

Using Blueletter Bible (or another resource) look up the word “*almighty*” in this text and record what it means:

What does this reveal about Jesus’ true nature and identity? Why is that important in our worship and witnessing?

7) The first and the last

“the First and the Last”
Revelation 1:11 & 17

Compare the title that Jesus claims for Himself here in the Revelation with Isaiah 44:6. In light of Isaiah 44:6 what can you conclude about the nature of Jesus, and how can that help you when sharing with Jehovah’s Witnesses?
