

101 SELECTED NAMES OF JESUS Fr Varghese Paul, SJ

Note: The Quotations in this article are taken mostly from the NIV Study Bible – New International Version

In Hinduism they speak of a thousand names of God. So I was not surprised that a student of our correspondence course on Jesus Christ and Bible, Dr Sujaudin from Bharuch asked me to give him the thousand names of Jesus.

“Please give me at least 100 names of Jesus,” Dr Sujaudin pleaded with me on the phone.

“Please give me one week. Let me do a little research in the encyclopedias in my library and on the internet,” I said to Dr Sujaudin on the phone.

“Yes, I shall call you back after a week,” Dr Sujaudin said.

On the internet Google search gave me “144 titles, names and offices of Jesus Christ in the Bible.” Here I have selected 101 names and titles of Jesus. I also give the bible text where the particular name or title appears in the Bible with the name of the book in the Bible in internationally accepted short forms followed by the chapter of the book and the verse in that order.

1. ADAM, THE LAST ADAM - St Paul in his first letter to Corinthians says, “The first man Adam became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit.” (1 Cor 15, 45)
2. ADVOCATE - In the first letter of John, the author says, “We have an Advocate who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ.” (1 Jn 2, 1)
3. ALMIGHTY - In the book of Revelation we read “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Rev 1, 8)
4. ALPHA AND OMEGA - The book Revelation has several references to Alpha and Omega - the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. First chapter verse 17 says, “I am the First and the Last.” (Rev 1, 17)
5. THE APOSTLE - The Author of the letter to Hebrew says, “fix your thoughts on Jesus the Apostle and High Priest.” (Heb 3, 1)
6. THE AUTHOR - The Letter to Hebrews says, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and Perfecter of our faith.” (Heb 12, 2)
7. AUTHOR OF SALVATION - The letter to Hebrews says that, “It was fitting that God... should make the Author of Salvation perfect through suffering.” (Heb 2, 10)

8. ONLY BEGOTTEN SON - the one and only - St John says, "We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (Jn 1, 14 & 18)

9. THE BLESSED AND ONLY RULER - St Paul in his first letter to Timothy refers to Jesus as "God, the Blessed and only Ruler, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." (1 Tim 6, 15) The title signifies high office, great authority and might.

10. THE BRIDEGROOM - Jesus saw himself as (or compared himself to) a Bridegroom. Jesus says, as recorded by the four evangelists, more or less in the same words, "Can you make the guests of the Bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; in those days they will fast." (Lk 5, 34-35)

11. THE BRANCH - Isaiah says, "In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious." (Isaiah 4, 2)

12. BREAD OF LIFE - St John quotes Jesus, "I am the Bread of life." (Jn 6, 35)

13. CHIEF SHEPHERD - St Peter in his first letter referring to Jesus says, "When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory." (1 Peter 5, 4)

14. CHOSEN ONE (ELECT OF GOD) - Prophet Isaiah in one of his prophetic 'servant songs' says, "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight." (Isaiah 42, 1)

15. CHRIST - Matthew, Luke and John record the Apostle Peter's declaration of Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Mat 16, 16)

16. THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH - St Paul in his letter to Ephesians says, "Christ is the Head of the Church, his body, of which he is the Saviour." (Eph. 5, 23)

17. CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL - St Luke in his Gospel says that a man called Simeon in Jerusalem "was waiting for the Consolation of Israel." (Lk 2, 25)

18. CORNER STONE (CAPSTONE) - Psalm 118 says, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes." (Psalm 118, 22)

19. COUNSELLOR - Isaiah's prophecy says, "For us a child is born to us! A son is given to us! He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God'." (Is 9, 6)

20. CREATOR - St John says, "through him (Christ) all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made." (Jn 1, 3) St Paul also says the same things. "For, by him all things were created... all things were created by him and for him." (Col. 1, 16)

21. DELIVERER - St Paul reminds the gentile Roman Christians that, as it is written, "the Deliverer will come from Zion." (Rom. 11, 26)

22. DOOR OF THE SHEEPFOLD - Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate (door) for the

sheep... I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.” (Jn 10, 7 & 9)

23. THE DESIRED - Prophet Haggai prophesizes about the coming of Jesus Christ, “And the Desired of all nations will come.” (Hagg. 2, 7)

24. EVERLASTING FATHER - Prophet Isaiah says, “And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Is. 9, 6)

25. FAITHFUL WITNESS - “Grace and peace to you from... Jesus Christ, who is the Faithful Witness.” (Rev. 1, 4-5)

26. THE FIRSTBORN – “Grace and peace to you from... Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the death.” (Rev. 1, 4-5)

27. GLORY OF THE LORD - “Father glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world begun.” (Jn. 17,5)

28. GOD - “The Word was with God, and the word was God.” (Jn 1, 1)

29. GOD OVER ALL, GOD FOREVER PRAISED - Christ “is God over all, forever praised.” (Rom 9,5)

30. GOD’S GLORY - “The Son is the radiance of God’s Glory.” (Heb.1, 3)

31. THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD - “He is the image of the invisible God.” (Col. 1, 15)

32. GOD WITH US, IMMANUEL - “They will call him Immanuel which means, ‘God With Us.’” (Mt 1, 23)

33. GOOD SHEPHERD - “I am the good shepherd, good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.” (Jn 10, 11)

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35. GREAT HIGH PRIEST - “We have a great High Priest, who has gone through the Havens, Jesus, the Son of God.” (Heb 4, 14)

36. HEAD OF THE CHURCH - “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church.” (Eph. 1, 23)

37. HEIR OF ALL THINGS – Right at the beginning of the letter to Hebrews the author says, “...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son whom he appointed heir of all things.”

(Heb 1, 2)

38. HIGH PRIEST FOREVER – “He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” (Heb 6, 20)

39. HOLY SERVANT JESUS – “Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met... to conspire against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed.” (Act 4, 27)

40. HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ONE – Apostle Peter is bold to tell the people on their face: “You disowned the Holy and the Righteous One.” (Acts 3, 14)

41. HOLY ONE OF GOD – A man possessed by an evil spirit speaks to Jesus, “I know who you are – the Holy One of God!” (Mk 1, 24)

42. HORN OF SALVATION – He has raised up a horn of Salvation for us in the house of his servant David.” (Lk 1, 69)

43. I AM – “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.... I AM has sent me to you.’” (Ex 3, 14)

44. JESUS – “You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1, 21)

45. JESUS CHRIST – “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Mt 1,1) The name Jesus Christ occurs 27 times in New Testament.

46. JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE – “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our Hope.” (1 Tim 1, 1)

47. JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD – “The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 6, 23)

48. JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR – “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour.” (Tit 3, 6)

49. JESUS OF NAZARETH – “The crowds answered, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth.’” (Mt 21, 11)

50. JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND DEATH – He is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.” (Act 10, 42)

51. RIGHTEOUS (JUST) JUDGE – Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, will award to me.” (2 Tim 4, 8)

52. KING – “Say to the Daughter of Zion, See, your King comes to you.” (Mat 21, 4)

53. KING ETERNAL – “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour

and glory for ever and ever.” (1 Tim 1, 17)

54. KING OF ISRAEL – “He saved others,” They said, “but he can’t save himself! He is the King of Israel!” (Mt 27, 42)

55. KING OF THE JEWS – “The Magi kings from the East ask Herod, Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews?” (Mt 2, 2)

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57. LION – “See the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has triumphed.” (Rev 5, 5)

58. LAMB – “Then I saw a Lamb looking as if it had been slain, standing in the centre of the throne.” (Rev 5, 6)

59. LAMB OF GOD – “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (Jn 1, 29)

60. LEADER AND COMMANDER OF THE PEOPLE – “See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.” (Is. 55, 4)

61. LIFE – “Jesus answered, ‘ I am the way, and the truth and the life.’” (Jn 14, 6)

62. LIGHT – Mathew quotes prophet Isaiah, “The people living in darkness have seen a great light.” (Mt 4, 16)

63. LORD – Jesus says, “You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am.” (Jn 13, 13)

64. LORD OF ALL – “You know the message. God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” (Act 10, 36)

65. LORD OF GLORY – “None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (1 Cor. 2, 8)

66. MAN OF SORROWS – “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.” (Is. 53, 3)

67. MEDIATOR – “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself as a ransom for all men.” (1 Tim 2, 5)

68. MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT – “Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant.” (Mal 3, 1)

69. MESSIAH – “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ) and he brought him to Jesus.” (Jn 1, 41)
70. MIGHTY GOD – “And he will be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.” (Is. 9, 6)
71. MIGHTY ONE – “Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour Your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” (Is 60, 16)
72. MORNING STAR – “I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” (Rev. 22, 16)
73. NAZARENE – “So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: ‘He will be called a Nazarene.’ (Mt 2, 23)
74. OUR PASSOVER – “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” (1 Cor. 5, 7)
75. PRINCE (AUTHOR) OF LIFE – “You killed the Author of life, but God raised him from the dead.” (Act 3, 15)
76. PRINCE OF PEACE – “And he will be called Prince of Peace.” (Is. 9, 6)
77. PROPHET – “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.” (Lk 24, 19)
78. RABBI (in Hebrew Teacher Master) – “They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means Teacher) ‘Where are you staying?’” (Jn 1, 38)
79. RABBONI – (in Aramaic) “She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means Teacher).” (Jn 20, 16)
80. ROOT AND OFFSPRING OF DAVID - “I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning star,” says the book of Revelation. (Rev. 22, 16)
81. RISING SUN - In Zechariah’s Song we hear “because of the tender Mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven.” (Lk 1, 78)
82. REDEEMER – “I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.” (Job 19, 25)
83. RESURRECTION AND LIFE – “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life’” (Jn 11, 25)
84. ROSE OF SHARON – “I am a rose of Sharon, a Lilly of the valleys.” (Song of Songs 2, 1)
85. RULER OF KINGS – “Grace and peace to you... and the ruler of the kings of the earth”

(Rev. 1, 4-5)

86. SEED (OFFSPRING) OF WOMAN – “And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers.” (Gen. 3, 15)

87. SHEPHERD AND OVERSEER OF SOULS – “But now you have returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.” (1 Pet. 2, 25)

88. SCEPTER – “The scepter will not depart from Judah nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet.” (Gen 49, 10)

89. SON OF THE BLESSED ONE – “Again the high priest asked him: ‘Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?’” (Mk 14, 61)

90. SON OF ABRAHAM – “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.” (Mt 1, 1)

91. SON OF THE MOST HIGH – “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” (Lk 1, 32)

92. SON OF JOSEPH – “They said, ‘Is this not Jesus, the Son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?’” (Jn 6, 42)

93. SON OF MARY – “Isn’t this the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon?” (Mk 6, 3)

94. SON OF GOD – “So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.” (Lk 1, 35)

95. SON OF MAN – “They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory” (Mt 24, 30)

96. SERVANT – “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight.” (Mt 12, 18)

97. SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – “But for you who revere my name, the sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in its wings (Malachi 4, 2).

98. TRUE VINE – “I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener.” (Jn 15, 1)

99. WITNESS – “See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.” (Is. 55, 4)

100. WONDERFUL COUNSELOR – “And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.” (Is. 9, 6)

101. WORD – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Jn 1.1).

