

The Author and Finisher

Study Pages

John 21:25 [NKJV] And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written...

In speaking of Jesus...

- **Hebrews 10:5-7** [NKJV] Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come--In the volume of the book it is written of Me--To do Your will, O God.' "
- **Psalms 40:6-8** [NKJV] Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law *is* within my heart."
- In speaking to the serpent, the LORD God (Jehovah Elohim) said
 - **Genesis 3:15** [NKJV] And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."
 - Jesus is the Seed of the woman
 - In His redemptive work, in His death, burial, resurrection and ascension, even though His heel may have been bruised, the NIV & Darby translations says that
 - He crushed Satan's head
 - **[NIV]** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
 - From the beginning God had a plan of redemption

We also want to reiterate again: There is Only One God and

- **1 Timothy 2:5** [NKJV] For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,
- **1 Corinthians 8:6** [NKJV] yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.
 - One Spirit

- One God and Father
- One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Great Mediator

Remember last week, we discussed several names for God that began with El?

- I must confess, I intentionally saved one of those names for today
- That name is **El Gibbor**,
 - **Isaiah 9:6** [NKJV] For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 - This is clearly a prophetic passage that points directly toward Jesus the Messiah and it puts Him in the God class
 - El Gibbor, meaning Mighty God
 - It's a direct reference to a powerful, divine warrior and points directly toward Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ
 - Wonderful Counselor
 - Everlasting Father and
 - Prince of Peace
 - Wonderful Counselor means miraculous advisor and One Who gives wisdom
 - Everlasting Father points to One Who is our Eternal Provider and Protector
 - Prince of Peace identifies Him as a Ruler through Whom Proceeds True Shalom Peace
 - The One Who leaves with us the peace that comes from being whole; nothing missing, nothing broken

The word **Savior** (Or Jeshua) means Savior or Jehovah is salvation

- **Luke 2:21** [NKJV] ...His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.
 - **John 4:42** [NKJV] Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."
 - And from the Greek the word savior carries a 7-fold definition
 - To deliver from sin - **Matthew 1:21** [NKJV] And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.
 - Deliverer - not just from sin, but every sort of evil - **Matthew 16:18** [ESV] And I tell you... on this rock I will

build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- Preserver - **Jude 1:24** [KJV] Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
- Provider - **John 10:2** [AMP] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep *the protector and provider*.
- Protector - **Psalms 91: 1-2** [NKJV] He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "*He is* my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."
- Healer - There's a lot of evidence in the Gospels that Jesus was a healer throughout His earthly ministry, yet,
 - remember last week when we talked about the Unchanging God?
 - Here's another Scripture to consider from the New Testament - **Hebrews 13:8** [NKJV] Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.
 - If He was a healer then, He is a healer now
 - If He is a healer now, He will be a healer tomorrow and forever
 - In all these things - He, too, is unchanging
- **Redeemer** - one who buys back or pays a ransom - **Galatians 3:13** [NKJV] Christ has redeemed us...
 - He is our Redeemer
 - He paid the ransom for our souls
 - He bought back for us right-standing with God
 - He is our Savior in every way possible
- **Lamb of God** - under the Old Covenant, a lamb was used as a sacrificial offering to cover sin
 - **John 1:29** [NKJV] ...John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
 - His blood didn't just cover our sin; It takes it away - as if it never existed
 - **Isaiah 53:7** [NKJV] He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.
 - He was our sacrificial substitute, the One Who paid the ultimate price for the sins of all mankind

- Why? So we could be redeemed and set free from the power of sin and restored to right-standing with God, eternally

Christ - Messiah - the Anointed One and His anointing

- **Matthew 16:13-16** [NKJV] When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"
- **Immanuel** - God with us
 - Prophetically speaking, we see it first of all in Isaiah 7:14
 - **Isaiah 7:14** [ESV] Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 - But we see it also in
 - **Matthew 1:23** [NKJV] "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."
- **Holy One of God** - which points toward the fact that he was sinless and set apart
 - **Mark 1:23-24** [NKJV] Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let *us* alone! ... I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"
- **I AM** -
 - **John 8:58** [NKJV] Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
 - This is the echo God's name from the Old Testament and speaks of Jesus' eternal, divine nature
- **Son of God** - Divine Son of the Father
 - **John 1:32-34** [NKJV] And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."
 - **Psalms 2:7** [NKJV] I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.'

- **Son of David** - Royal Descendant of King David
 - **2 Samuel 7:16** [NKJV] ...your house and your kingdom shall be established forever... Your throne shall be established forever.
 - **Matthew 1:1** [NKJV] The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David...
 - **Romans 1:3** [NKJV] concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,
 - **Root of David (The Branch)** - which is further acknowledgement of His Messianic Descent and Rule
 - **Revelation 22:16** [NKJV] I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, **the Bright and Morning Star.**
 - Oh, while we're at it, there's another name: The Bright and Morning Star
 - Matthew Henry: *He is the fountain of light, the bright and the morning star, and as such has given to the churches this morning light of prophecy, to assure them of the light of that perfect day which is approaching.*
 - **Isaiah 11:1, 10** [NKJV] There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ... And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.
 - **The True Vine - John 15:1, 5** [NKJV] I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ... I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- **Son of Man** - points toward His humanity, yet, still, His Divine Authority
 - I've heard it said this way: He was 100% God and 100% Man all at the same time.
 - Who knows how that's possible? But it's true, just the same
 - **Mark 14:62** [NKJV] Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
 - **Daniel 7:13-14** [NKJV] I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *One* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of

heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed.

- **Light of the World** - pointing toward being the Source of Truth & Life
 - **John 8:12** [NKJV] Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
 - **The Way, The Truth & The Life** -
 - which directs us toward the exclusive Path to God, a path that leads to eternal life
 - **John 14:6** [NKJV] Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
 - **The Resurrection & the Life** -
 - He's not simply the source of truth and life, but also Eternal Life
 - **John 11:25** [NKJV] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

We're talking about THE AUTHOR & FINISHER

- **The Word** (read the verse first)
 - **John 1:1-4, 14** [NKJV] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - He is the Word which is the Divine Expression and Eternal Revelation of God
 - **The Bread of Life**
 - **John 6:35** [NKJV] And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."
 - He the Sustainer of all Spiritual Life

- **The Author & Finisher** -
 - The One who initiated and accomplished everything that was needed to obtain our Salvation, the redemption of all mankind
 - **Hebrews 12:2** [NKJV] looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
 - **John 19:28, 30** [NKJV] After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled ... He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

- **Good Shepherd** - Caring Guide & Protector
 - John chapter 10 is a main passage that describes all the aspects of everything Jesus had to say about Himself being the Good Shepherd
 - We don't have time today to discuss the entire chapter. Instead, we'll look at a few select verses
 - **John 10:11, 14** [NKJV] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ... I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.
 - Psalm 23 points us toward Jesus
 - **Psalm 23:1-6** [NKJV] The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.
 - **The Door** - **John 10:7, 9** [NKJV] Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ... I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."
 - **Rabbi / Teacher** - Master Instructor
 - **John 1:49** [NKJV] Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

- **John 3:2** [NKJV] This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
 - Nicodemus was a Pharisee who would have been numbered among the most educated religious leaders of Jesus' day.
 - Yet, Nicodemus called Jesus Rabbi... Master...
 - It takes one to know One.

This aspect of God is also identified as

- **High Priest - Hebrews 4:14-16** [NKJV] Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, *yet* without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 - **Advocate** – Intercessor - **1 John 2:1** [NKJV] My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
 - **Mediator** - Bridge between God and man - **1 Timothy 2:5** [NKJV] For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,
 - **A Man of Sorrows** - sometimes referred to as the Suffering Servant - **Isaiah 53:3** [NKJV] He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
 - The night before His crucifixion, Jesus said in **Mark 14:34** [NKJV] ..."My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, *even* to death..."
- **The Head of the Church** - He has Supreme Authority in this respect
 - **Ephesians 1:22** [NKJV] And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,
 - **Colossians 1:18** [NKJV] And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
 - There's another title for you: The Firstborn from the Dead
 - **Chief Cornerstone** - Foundation of the Church

- **Isaiah 28:16** [NKJV] Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation..."
- **Ephesians 2:20** [NKJV] having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,
- **King of kings/Lord of lords** - the Supreme Sovereign Ruler
 - **1 Timothy 6:15** [NKJV] which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
 - **Revelation 19:16** [NKJV] And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
 - **The Lion of the Tribe of Judah** - Victorious King from the lineage of David & Judah
 - **Genesis 49:9-10a** [NKJV] Judah *is* a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah...
 - **Revelation 5:5** [NKJV] But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."
 - **Alpha & Omega** - the Beginning & the End
 - **Revelation 1:8** [NKJV] "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, the Almighty."
 - **Revelation 22:13** [NKJV] "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."
 - Understand the book of Revelation was written in Greek. The first letter of the Greek alphabet is Alpha. The last letter is Omega
 - In terms of Hebrew it would be Aleph and Tav
 - It is highly likely that Jesus actually said here in the book of Revelation "I am the Aleph and the Tav" –
 - and to bring full circle
 - He is the Aleph and the Tav
 - He is the Beginning & the End
 - He is the Author & the Finisher of our faith