

What's in a name?

What's in a name? For some it's the sound; their name was chosen because of how it sounded. For others it was a family name; their name was chosen because it is a family name or reminds them of someone in the family. For still others it's what the name means. Those baby naming books that contain the name's meanings still are very popular with parents-to-be. They choose their child's name because of what it means.

It was Gabriel who brought the news to Mary, the mother-to-be. "*You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus*" (Luke 1:31). Gabriel informed her of the amazing news and told her of the chosen name.

Today the name **Jesus** might be the name of the lawn care guy (see photo) or a baseball player. When was the last time you heard of an Anglo named **Jesus**? It's a fairly common name in the Hispanic community.



Did you ever stop to ask yourself why?

Why not name a child **Jesus** after the first Jesus? Why not so name a child whose name could mean "Savior"? Why not use it as a reminder to help point people to Jesus?

Savior. That's what it means. And, to us, it means everything: life with God, now and for all eternity.

So the next time you meet someone named **Jesus** what will you think of? ✚



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womb and bear a Son, and you shall call
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Luke 1:31 (ESV)