

Hello My Name Is: Son of the Most High

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Discussion and Reflection Guide

In the Christmas story the angel that appears to Mary and Joseph gives Jesus 4 different names: Son of the Most High, Jesus (which means the Lord saves), Immanuel, and the Son of God.

And then when Jesus is born – a bunch of angels appear to the shepherds and they give Jesus a 5th name – Messiah (or the anointed one) None of those names are something humans made up and they mean something different and reveal something about God that is really important for us to understand.

Son of the Most High – is a name that is dripping with power and authority. It is about reigning and being a King. And it is one of the first things that humans hear about the character of Jesus. The phrase Most High – is getting at the fact that no one has more power... no one has more authority. So in the org chart of all the things – God is the top of the pyramid. AND Son of the Most High God means that Jesus possesses everything by birthright that his father possesses. “Son of the Most High” tells us not only does Jesus have the power to rule, he also has the right to do so.

- * Jesus is only referred by this name twice in scripture, what was the other time?**
- * What is it that angelic beings know about Jesus... that leads them to think of him this way?**

Angels know firsthand (even fallen angels know) that Jesus owns all power and authority. As powerful as these demons were, they knew something about Jesus we didn't. And it filled them with terror.

- *Have you ever crossed paths with a very powerful person? How did that hold that power?**

Jesus power is always deployed for the restoration of others. In the story you have this confrontation between a legion of powerful demons and the one who owns all power. The results of the collision is that this one man's life is changed. He is freed. Because that's what Jesus does with his power. Jesus shows up one day – encounters this man – restores him and leaves forever. This is a story of Jesus leaving the 99 for the one. And it shows you just how valuable one life is to the Son of the Most High.

That is who Jesus is. The owner of all power and authority.

- *What does it mean for us that we are loved like this demon possessed man by the Son of the Most High?**

You have been given some power and authority.

- *Are you using your power and authority to get the buffet to come to you? Or are you using your power and authority to look for the one person who needs freedom, clothes and restoration?**