

"Name Above All Names"

Matthew 10:2-4^{NKJV}

"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot..."

John 12:5^{NKJV}

"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

John 12:6^{NKJV}

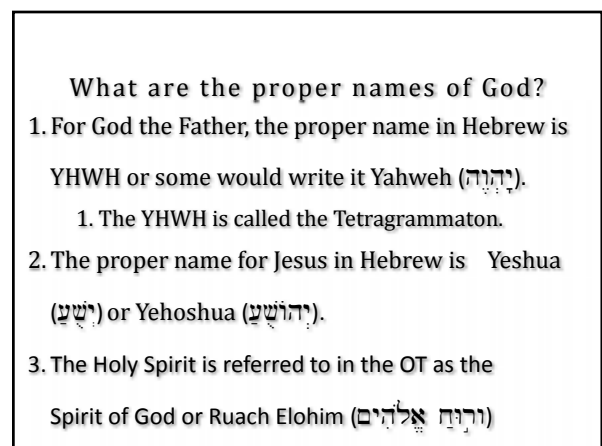
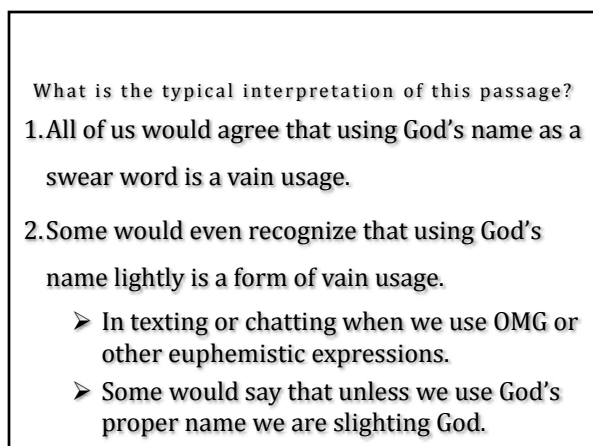
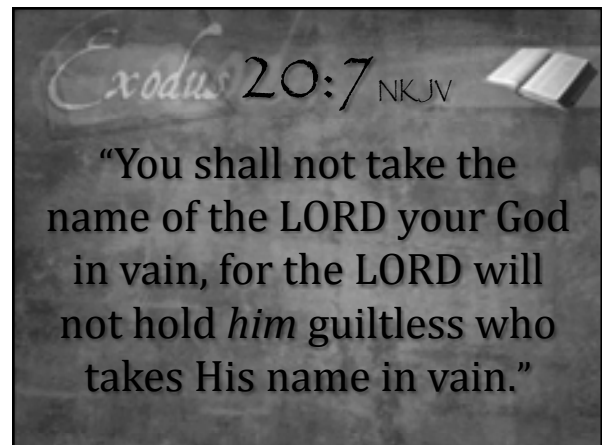
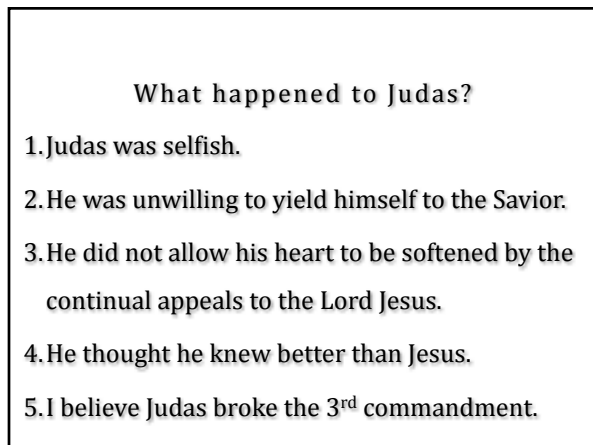
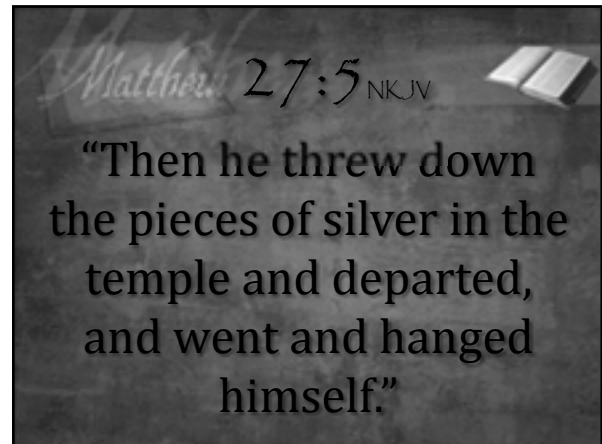
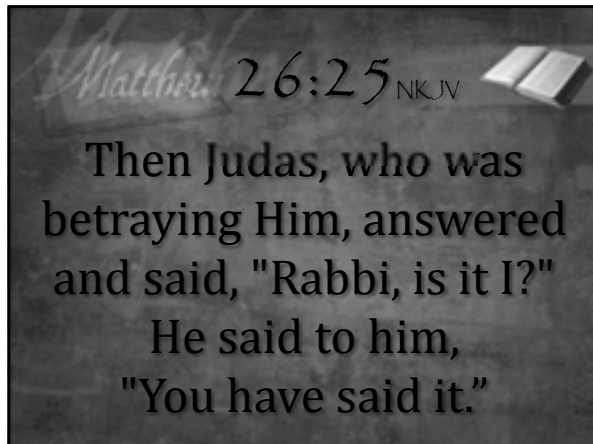
"This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it."

Matthew 26:15^{NKJV}

"What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver."

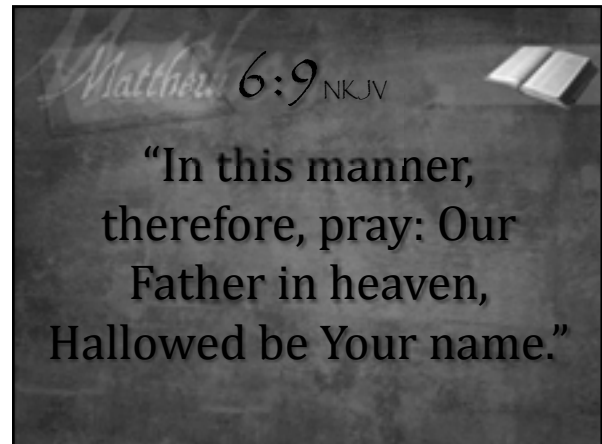
Matthew 26:21^{NKJV}

Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."



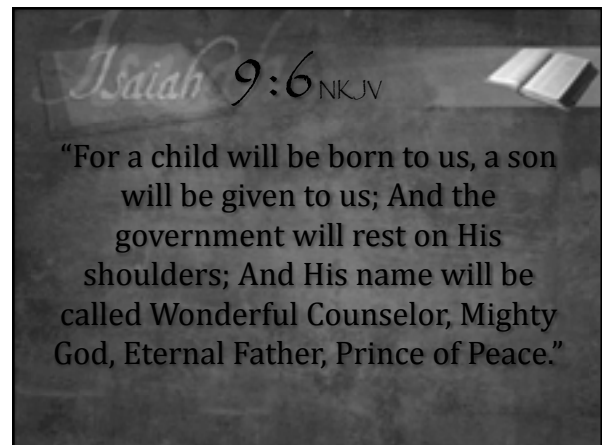
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2. Here Jesus Himself gives us not only permission but a commandment to pray using not God the Father's proper name but a title of endearment.
3. Notice also what was prophesied about Jesus...



What did Paul do?

1. Paul repeatedly referred to God the Father as simply God, God our Father, God the Father, or Father.
 - Romans 1:7; 6:4; 8:15; 15:6
 - 1 Corinthians 1:3; 8:16; 15:24
 - 2 Corinthians 1:2, 3; 11:31
 - Galatians 1:1, 3, 4; 4:6
 - Ephesians 1:2, 3, 17; 2:18; 3:14; 4:6; 5:20; 6:23
 - Philippians 1:2; 2:11; 4:20
 - Colossians 1:2, 3, 12; 3:17

John, Jude, and Peter follow the same pattern

What is the typical interpretation of this passage?

1. Using God's name as a swear word is a vain usage.
2. Using God's name lightly/euphemistically is a form of vain usage.
3. We take the name of God upon us when we claim to be Christians.
 - The vain usage can come when we, like Judas, take that name without really living in such a way as to rightly honor Christ.
 - We must allow our hearts to be converted so that we do not bring disgrace to His name and not only take His name in vain but we live in vain.

Revelation 2:17 NKJV

'...To him who overcomes...I
will give him...a new name
written on the stone which
no one knows but he who
receives it.'