

Jesus || YHWH Saves

I. INTRO

- A. Names carry meaning. They tell us something about who we are, where we've come from, and sometimes even who we're meant to be.
- B. In the Bible, names often reflect a person's character or mission.
- C. Today, we are going to look at the most important name in history—Jesus.
- D. When the angel spoke to Joseph, he declared, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
- E. In this single sentence, we see the core of God's plan for humanity.
- F. The name Jesus is a declaration of hope, a proclamation of salvation, and a revelation of who Jesus is.
- G. But what does it mean that Jesus saves? What does it say about his identity, his mission, and his power? And most importantly, what does it mean for us?
- H. Today, we'll unpack this name—the name above every name—and see why trusting in Jesus changes everything.
- I. Whether you've heard this truth a thousand times or if it's new to you, my prayer is that you'll walk away with a deeper understanding of what it means that Jesus came to save his people from their sins—and how that includes you.

II. *Matthew 1:21 – She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

- A. What does this single verse teach us about Jesus? You'd be surprised
 - 1. **Jesus' name is Yeshua.** His name is Jesus → Iēsous → Yeshua → Yehoshua → Joshua (liberator, leading people into the PL)
 - 2. Yeshua → YHWH (divine name, I am I am) & YSHA (save, deliver, liberate from evil, prosperity, safety) → **Only God can save**
 - a) You can't save yourself; you can only ruin yourself
 - 3. He will save → Jesus does the saving, hence his name. But we just learned that YHWH alone saves → Therefore, by the transitive property → Jesus is YHWH <or> **Jesus is God**
 - 4. She will bear a son = The Holy Spirit conceives him (not having intercourse w/ Mary), and she bears him, a son. → **Jesus is human**
 - a) Not 50%/50%, 100%/100% → no, I don't know how, but that's what the Bible teaches here and other places
 - 5. He WILL save → Not that he might, will try, hope he can, but that he will (breaking out the spiritual shock paddles, hoping for the best)
 - a) Confidence → in forgiveness, in adoption, in deliverance, in no condemnation, in access, in life, in death.
 - b) There's no confidence in your religious efforts (I hope so...).
 - (1) NO! We have true hope
 - c) **Jesus is trust-worthy** b/c as God he can and WILL save

6. He will save HIS people → Purchased men for God... but not some cold transaction. He calls them HIS people (beloved, bride, children). Just the Jews? No, not just - that's not what Jesus means by HIS people
 - a) "Sheep not of this fold..." He came for more than that.
 - b) Jesus is starting a new family, a humanity, kingdom**
 - (1) From every tongue, tribe, nation, transcending heritage, culture, past sins, socioeconomic status, etc
 - c) If you are in Christ, you belong to him. You are part of his family. "I am yours and you are mine"
7. Save them from their sins → People need saving. Some are more aware
 - a) People look for various saviors and purposes, but they ALL point back to sin → Our brokenness points to a broken world, which points to SIN
 - b) You need salvation from the sin in you, the sin done by you, and the sin done to you.

c) Jesus came to save YOU from your sin

- B. I don't know where you are today, but I want to tell you about some people who needed to be saved from sin
 1. Samson → The strongest man needed salvation
 - a) He let his anger, his appetite, and his sexual desires get the best of him
 - b) Sin is stronger than you; tastes / looks better. You need salvation
 2. Solomon → The smartest man needed salvation
 - a) Sin is smarter than you; you need salvation
 3. David → The best king who truly loved and pursued God also needed salvation
 - a) Sin is more seductive than your godly affections; you need salvation
- C. If sin took down Samson the strongest man, Solomon, the wisest man, and David, the man after God's heart, then it can outsmart, overpower, and overcome you too. Everyone is a sinner who needs salvation.
 1. But there's good news for Samson, Solomon, and David
 2. There's good news for me. Good news for you. Good news for the world.

III. Let's recap

- A. Jesus name means YHWH Saves. It reflects the fact that he is the Savior of the world who came to liberate us from the bonds of slavery and evil, known as sin
- B. He came to lead us into a Promised Land that was even better than the one in the Middle East
- C. Only he could do this because Jesus was God and this was a divine work to be done. Jesus had to be fully God so that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and secure for us – and restore to us – righteousness and life.
- D. But he was also fully man - God in the likeness of flesh – so that he could identify with us, suffering in our place and sympathizing with us in our weakness

- E. Jesus accomplished, effectively what he set out to do and he proved it by raising from the dead, an exclamation point authenticating his work. He has done it. As such, he is a sure and steady foundation for your faith. You can trust him.
- F. For all who do trust him, he gave the right to be called children of God, children born again into a new family, a spiritual family
- G. This is all made possible b/c he saves his people from their sins.
 - 1. Their nature by giving them a new heart and new birth
 - 2. Their choices by receiving our penalty and offering forgiveness
 - 3. Their shame by removing it and taking it in our place and clothing us in his righteousness
- H. Jesus Christ came, lived, died, and raised to save sinners from their sins
 - 1. Do you understand that? Do you know that? Do you believe that? Do you put your trust in it?
 - 2. Will you stop trying to earn, stop trying to be a good boy, stop trying to prove yourself and – instead – surrender to him and let him do it for you
 - 3. I prayed, “Lord, I give up. You win. I surrender” and it changed my eternity
 - 4. How about you?