

THE NAME, "JESUS"

Matthew 1:19-25

Introduction: There had been others named "Jesus" in times past, even the one known as "Joshua" had the same name meaning "a deliverer." God named this one yet to be born, "Jesus," revealed by an angel to Joseph, a carpenter, a humble working man. Therefore the name "Jesus" wasn't a title that was monopolized by princes, priests, noblemen, warriors, men of wealth or great reputation. "Jesus" was a simple household name among common people.

Now the name "Jesus" has changed from that of being a common name to that "name above every name." At the name "Jesus" visions come of that future time when He will come back to reign and we Christians shall be with Him. No name can remove fear like the name of "Jesus" or bring hope and the end of despair as the name..."Jesus."

I. THE NAME "JESUS" IS A NAME DIVINELY ORDERED

1. God chose the name "Jesus" for Joseph and Mary to name the coming child and since that night it has become the highest, noblest and best name ever born of a woman.
2. God, who cannot make a mistake, calls Him Jesus, Savior, and accepts the work Jesus has done.
3. Whenever we plead the name of "Jesus" before God the Father, He hears our prayers.
 - If God the Father gives so much attention to the name of "Jesus" should we not also and with great reverence and delight?
4. "Savior" is the meaning of the name "Jesus" (Salvation of the Lord), Joshua, Gideon, David were all saviors of Israel from their enemies. "Jesus" is the Savior who saves mankind from sin.
 - To save means to preserve, to keep, to protect from danger, and to secure.
5. We did not choose the name "Jesus" but God did, therefore God will explain all about the name. *Matthew 1:22-23*
6. "Emmanuel" means "God with us" and Jesus is God with us. Jesus bridged the gulf that was between God and man and by Jesus' death, removed that which would have destroyed man and has brought us everlasting life and salvation.
7. The name of "Jesus" is charming, precious, revealing the very heart of God as to why God sent Jesus, what He was to do and how He would bring glory and honor to the Father.
 - Salvation of sinners rings the bells of heaven and brings honor to the Father.

II. OUR LORD WAS ACTUALLY CALLED "JESUS" BY OTHERS

1. "Jesus" the name chosen by God is accepted by those spoken to by God.
 - Any person spoken to by God and accepts the name of Jesus can call Him Savior.
 - Not everyone who says "Jesus" has accepted the Son of God and does not know the "real" Jesus.
 - Some are ignorant of the meaning of "Jesus," some are enemies to the name, some accept Jesus as being a good man.
 - All hearts that have accepted Jesus should publicly confess "Jesus" as Savior, as that is what the name means.
2. "Jesus" is a lot of things but above all He is Jesus that saves!
 - A baby once, yes, a playful child once, yes, a young man once, yes.
 - But the meaning of His name changes as He preaches, heals, loves, dies on a cross is resurrected, and brings salvation and eternal life. "Jesus" Savior!
3. What is His name as He sits at the right hand of the Father? Speak that name in tenderness and respect, "Jesus!" That name above all names.

III. THE NAME OF JESUS IDENTIFIES HIM WITH HIS PEOPLE AS THEIR LORD

1. The name "Jesus" is not some fancy heavenly name, but a common name among people.
2. Jesus shall save HIS people: those who belong to Him, those the Father has given Him.
 - Those who need to have their sins washed away.
 - Those who feel unworthy to even be looked upon by Him.
 - Those who want a Savior.
3. "Jesus" is the name of the only means of access to God, the Father, and to eternal life.

CONCLUSION:

1. "Jesus" was the name given by God, called by His earthly father and mother, brothers, sisters, and friends. We can call the Savior by His family name for we are also His family.
2. "Jesus," His name at death as it was written on His cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."
 - "Jesus," His resurrection name, "Jesus," His gospel name, "Jesus," His heavenly name.
3. "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, there's just something about that name..."