

Names of Jesus: Give Him the Name Jesus - God Saves!
Matthew 1:18-21

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“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21).

I. Question one: What does the name “Jesus” mean?

- A. The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Yeshua, or Joshua.
- B. At the same time, the name Jesus (or Joshua) was a common man’s name.

II. Question two: What did the name “Jesus” mean back then?

- A. In the Old Testament days, the prophets declared that One would come - the Messiah.
 - 1. **Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**
 - 2. **Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”**
 - 3. **Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”**
 - 4. **Matthew 1:21 “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”**
- B. Consider how Jesus impacted the people of His day. **(Mark 2:1-12)**

III. Question three: What does the name “Jesus” mean to us today?

- A. One: Jesus saves us from sin to forgiveness.
 - 1. **Romans 3:23 “. . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**
 - 2. **1 John 1:8 “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”**
 - 3. **1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**
- B. Two: Jesus saves us from alienation to a divine citizenship.
- C. Three: Jesus saves us from slavery to freedom.