



Jesus' Very Name Is "Salvation"

Salvation: Yeshuah יְשׁוּעָה (Strong's 3444)

Root: From Yasha "to save", יָשַׁע (yod, shin, ayin)

Sounds like: y'shu-a

Salvation is a word we often hear bantered around during Sunday service... but what does it really mean? Take theology out of it and it means deliverance from harm, ruin or loss. Theologically it also means the same thing, with the harm/ruin/loss being death. Salvation, in the Judeo-Christian sense, is to be saved from death...it takes you beyond death and into eternity. Who brings salvation?

Jesus, whose name is pronounced Yeshua in Hebrew.

What makes this so perfect is that Yeshua, in Hebrew, means "salvation". Really, there is no better name to have given Him!

Luke 1:30-33

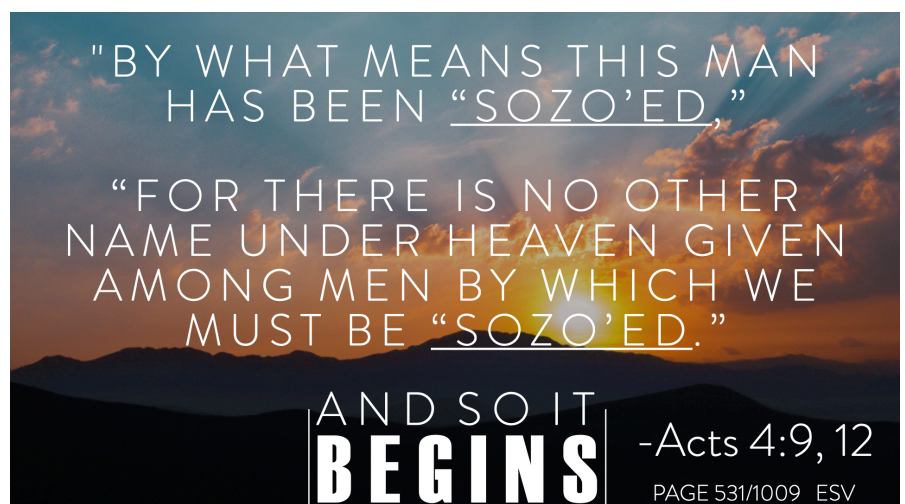
The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Yeshua [Salvation]. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Isaiah speaks of Salvation the Servant

Of all the prophets Isaiah speaks of the coming Messiah more than any other. The Messiah is God's salvation for His people. He is to be a light to the nations, a suffering Servant, the Lamb of God, and a Salvation for the people, that lasts forever:

Isaiah 49:6

He [YHWH] says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation [Yeshua-ti] may reach to the end of the earth."



Isaiah 51:5-6

“My righteousness is near, My salvation [yishi] has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait for Me, and for My arm they will wait expectantly.

Lift up your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath; for the sky will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants will die in like manner; but My salvation [w’yishuati] will be forever, and My righteousness will not wane.”

Yeshua is Salvation

At the crucifixion of Yeshua many mock Him while He hangs on the cross for not being able to save Himself. The wordplay between Yeshua (meaning salvation) and “to save” is lost in English translation. Ultimately it’s ironic that a man named Salvation appears to not be able to save himself:

Mark 15:29-31

Those who passed by heaped abuse on Him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, come down from the cross and save Yourself!” In the same way, the chief priests and scribes mocked Him among themselves, saying, “He who saved others cannot even save Himself!”

And, in a way, there is truth in that. Could He have miraculously escaped the cross? Theoretically, yes... but Yeshua was so good and perfect that He could not make Himself do it; because of His goodness He could not abandon His purpose. Having been made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation for all.

The perfect name for our Saviour

Whenever you come across the word Salvation in your Bible, as an exercise, try saying the Hebrew word Yeshua or, if you prefer, Jesus. In every instance it will make perfect sense!

Isaiah 12:2

“Behold, God is my Yeshua, I will trust and not be afraid; for YHWH is my strength and song, and He has become my Yeshua.”

Isaiah 52:6-7

“Therefore My people shall know My name. In that day I am the one who is speaking, ‘Here I Am.’ How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness; who announces Jesus, and says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Every Hebrew name is heavy with meaning... Yeshua (Jesus) is no exception. He was named exactly what he was: the Salvation of us all.

