

Why 'Jesus' and 'Yeshua' are not the Saviors name

The name 'Jesus' is very precious to many people. I can understand this because the name 'Jesus' was very precious to me. In the past, I had started a church incorporating the name 'Jesus' into the very name of the church.

While pastoring a church in 2012, I began a study of the name '*Jesus*'.

I was not prepared for what I would learn. I was stunned to learn that the name '*Jesus*', was not in fact, our Saviors true given name.

I was devastated and I actually went through a grieving process.

Denial: *This just can't be true!*

Anger: *Why didn't any Pastor or teacher (at two ministerial schools) teach me this?*

Bargaining: *Maybe I could just keep using the name 'Jesus' and not 'rock the boat' with the people in my church.*

Depression: *I had deep feelings of sadness and loss.*

Acceptance: *This is in fact the reality... I will go forward in faith.*

Now, I had an important decision to make.

Would I continue using a name for our Savior that I knew was incorrect, or would I begin using the Saviors true name?

I had used the name 'Jesus' for many years... I kept thinking, *what will the people think? Will I be ostracized?*

The scriptures brought me peace however, reminding me there is only **One** I should seek to please.

I thought of people in the Bible, who had made their own 'life changing' decisions, for good or evil.

I remembered old sayings I had often called upon in my life.

An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.

And...

When is the best time to plant a tree? Twenty years ago.

When is the second-best time to plant a tree? Right now.

I made the decision to begin using and teaching the Saviors true Hebrew name, 'Yahshua'.

My study of our Saviors true Hebrew name soon opened my eyes to see that Yahshua, was in fact **The Almighty Father** manifested in flesh. Up until this time, I had been a lifelong Trinitarian.

When I talk with people about the Saviors true Hebrew name and His true identity (The Almighty Father manifested in flesh), they often have one of the following responses:

1. "I'm not Jewish, I speak English."

I reply a that a person doesn't have to be Jewish, or be fluent in Hebrew to say a Hebrew name or word. For example, we say 'HalleuYah' don't we? Every day we say the names of people from foreign countries without feeling we must 'first' change them into 'our' language.

2. ***“But everybody uses the name Jesus.”***

To this, I call upon the wisdom of my mother who said to me, *“If everybody jumps off a cliff, are you going to jump off too?”*

3. ***“Names are really not that important to God.”***

To this, I respectfully ask them if reading the Bible is an important part of their life and if they read it regularly.

The Almighty Father is the Savior

The Almighty Father tells us **Himself** that **He** is the **only savior**.

*I, I am Yahweh, and there is no other
Savior but **Me**. Isaiah 43:11*

*For there is no other God but **Me**, a righteous God and **Savior**.
There is none but Me. Isaiah 45:21*

*And you shall know no God but **Me**;
For there is **no savior besides Me**. Hosea 13:4*

The Almighty Father's words are clear and unmistakable; **He is the Savior... He** is the **only Savior**.



The Almighty Father tells us in Isaiah 43:11
*“there is no other **Savior** but **Me**”*

The Almighty Father's name

Some people say that 'YAH' is the shortened, or abbreviated form of The Almighty Father's name, but that is not correct. **YAH** is the name of The Almighty Father.

King David tells us clearly in Psalm 68:4 that The Almighty Father's name is 'YAH'.

*Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides
on the clouds, By His name **YAH**,
And rejoice before Him.*

The prophet Isaiah tells us The Almighty Father's name is 'YAH' in Isaiah 12:2.

*Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;
'For **YAH**, the LORD, is my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.'*

In Revelation 19:1-6 the multitudes say Hallelu-**YAH**, which means, "Praise **YAH**".

The Fathers name in the Old Testament is the Fathers name in the New Testament

Scriptures tell us there is only one Savior, The Almighty Father Himself (Isaiah 43:11; Isaiah 45:21; Hosea 13:4).

Our Father (*the only Savior*) waited until He came to us in person to give us His highest name, 'YAH-shua'. In Hebrew, the name **YAH**-shua means, **YAH** is salvation.

When it was time for The Almighty Father to come to us Himself as our MessiYah (The Father in a human body), He made certain that His name would follow Him.

Specific instructions were given to Joseph in a dream ...

*“you shall call His name **Yahshua**.”*

The Almighty Father did not allow men to choose His name.

We must keep in mind that the angel bringing Joseph this message did not speak to Joseph in English, Latin or Greek, but spoke to him in his own language... *Hebrew*.

When the *‘invisible’* Father of the Old Testament, now came to His people manifested in flesh, He had already made sure via Joseph that His name in the Old Testament would **remain** His name in the New Testament... **YAH!**

The Almighty Father, our Savior gets a new Hellenized name... ‘Jesus’

Over time, and against the Father’s instructions, men did end up choosing the Saviors name after all.

After many translations and transliterations, a new name eventually evolved for the Savior ... *‘Jesus’*.

This new ‘Hellenized’ name removed all the ‘Jewishness’ from the Saviors original Hebrew name. (*Yosef and Miryam got new names too, they now were ‘Joseph’ and ‘Mary’*).

The new name ‘Jesus’, also **removed** The Almighty Father’s name, **‘YAH’**.

To remove the name is to extinguish the person

*“In the Scriptures there is the closest possible relationship between a person and his name, the two being practically equivalent, so that **to remove the name is to extinguish the person.** To forget God’s name is to depart from Him.”*

Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary p. 571 (1964)

Why ‘Yeshua’ is not the Saviors name

Our Savior **Himself** tells us His name is **Yah**shua, not ‘Yeshua’ in John 17:11.

*...keep them in **Your name,**
the name which You have given Me...*

Scripture tells us the Father’s name is **YAH**, not Ye.

Many scriptures in the Bible can be found proclaiming The Almighty Father’s name is **YAH**, but there are no scriptures proclaiming His name is ‘Ye’.

The name ‘Yeshua’, like the name ‘Jesus’, completely **eliminates** The Almighty Fathers name.

Both the names ‘Jesus’ and ‘Yeshua’, rob The Almighty Father of **His name, His identity** and the **glory** that is **due Him** as being **our Savior**.

Norman ***(Don't call him Norm!)***

Norman is a gentleman in his late-sixties. He is a street preacher of sorts and that is how I met him.

For months I had been talking with Norman about the true Hebrew name of our Savior.

He would often say to me, *"The name people call the Savior is just not that important, even the Bible says He puts His word above His name."*

He was referring to Psalm 138:2. I told Norman I didn't believe that is what Psalm 138:2 was actually saying and that I would like to discuss this scripture with him later when we had more time.

Early on, I noticed that it was very important to Norman that people call him by his given name, his correct name ...*not 'Norm'*.

If someone called him 'Norm', He would immediately say, *"My name is Norman, not Norm, I would appreciate it if you would call me Norman"*.

One time, when we were discussing the Savior's name, Norman once again dismissed the matter by saying, *"This is nothing but a waste of time, it's just not that important"*.

I said to Norman, *"I am surprised by you continuing to say the Savior's name is not important, while I notice that your name is very important to you. You immediately correct anyone who calls you Norm, and not Norman. Why would you think the Savior's name is not important to Him?"*

I could see Norman thinking about this.

During another one of our encounters discussing the Heaven sent, Hebrew name 'Yahshua', Norman said rather brusquely, *"I am English, I am not Jewish... I speak English, I don't speak Hebrew"*.

I pointed out to Norman that The Almighty Fathers name is Hebrew, and that His name is found in the names of many prominent people in the Bible.

I shared that if he was not able to say Hebrew names because he was English, he would no longer be able say the names: Isaiah (Yah), Nehemiah (Yah), Obadiah (Yah), Zechariah (Yah), Hezekiah (Yah), Elijah (Yah) and Jeremiah (Yah).

I added that he would unfortunately no longer be able to praise The Almighty Father by saying the Hebrew word **HalleluYah**.

I could see Norman thinking about this.

Norman and Psalm 138:2

Earlier I mentioned that Norman had brought up Psalm 138:2 saying, *“The name people call the Savior is just not that important, even the Bible says He puts His word above His name.”*

Because time did not permit Norman and I to discuss Psalm 138: 2 at that time, I sent him this letter.

Hello Norman,

I didn't know when we would next meet, so I thought I would send you this letter.

I wanted to get back to you regarding Psalm 138:2. You shared with me that you believed Psalm 138:2 was saying that the Almighty exalted His word above His name.

The scripture is as follows:

*I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word
above all Your name.*

Psalm 138:2

My friend, with respect, I believe this scripture is saying something completely different. In fact, I believe it is saying the exact opposite of what you advocate.

Let me explain.

You are looking at this verse ***as if*** it were saying ...

“...Your word above Your name”.

But this verse doesn't say that. This verse says,

“...Your word above ***all*** Your name”.

I will explain why this is important to understanding the **true** meaning of this verse.

But first...

The Almighty Father tells us in both the Old and New Testament...

“In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”
Deuteronomy 19:15; Corinthians 13:1

Norman, are you able to provide “two or three” Scriptural ‘witnesses’ which confirm your point of view regarding this verse?

Now let's look at what this verse is *actually* saying.

We must first understand that the original Hebrew scriptures **DID NOT** use punctuation marks.

Why is this important to know in correctly translating this verse into English?

Here's why...

*In the English language the use of punctuation, or the lack of it, can greatly effect **the meaning** of a sentence.*

As you know, correct punctuation is crucial to understanding the **true meaning** of the author. Without accurate punctuation we may easily miss, or misunderstand entirely, the actual meaning of what the author is saying.

Let's look at these examples:

Let's eat, Grandma.

Let's eat Grandma.

I especially like an English professor's example on punctuation.

On the chalkboard he wrote:

"A woman without her man is nothing."

He then asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males wrote:

"**A woman**, without her man, **is nothing**."

While all the females in the class wrote:

“A woman: without her, **man is nothing.**”

I make this point because I believe the actual meaning of this verse is this:

I will worship toward Your holy temple
And praise **Your name**
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word,
above all, Your name.

Now, the scripture is saying that ***above all,*** He has magnified ***His name!***

That is why David is ***praising His Name!***

I will worship toward Your holy temple
And praise ***Your name***
For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word,
above all, Your name.

Psalm 138:2

I believe ***this***, is what David in Psalms 138:2 is saying. Furthermore, this meaning perfectly aligns and agrees with the totality of Scripture.

Sincerely,

And then one day it happened!

More than a year had passed since I first met Norman and we had begun discussing the Saviors name.

When I saw Norman on this occasion, I assumed it would be like all of our other meetings in the past. *(I would say the true, given name of our Savior is important, and Norman would say His name is not really important.)*

This time however, it was different.

Norman greeted me and said, *"I've got something to tell you; I see now that the Saviors name is Yahshua"*.

He continued, *"At night, I now use the name 'Yahshua' when I pray"*.

He then added, *"But during the day, I still use the name 'Jesus' because that's the name everybody uses"*.

I teased him saying, *"I will have to start calling you Nicodemus"*.

Note: Nicodemus came to Yahshua at night, not wanting people to see him with Yahshua in the daytime.

The important issues regarding the Saviors Name

These are the important issues regarding our Saviors name.

1. The Almighty Father gave clear instructions, *"You, shall call His name Yahshua"*. He gave this instruction ***for a reason***. Everything The Almighty Father says and does has meaning and purpose. The Almighty Father had a ***purpose*** for sending an Angel and giving these instructions to Joseph.

2. The names 'Jesus' and 'Yeshua' completely **eliminate** The Almighty Fathers name.
3. Because the names 'Jesus' and 'Yeshua' eliminate the Fathers name, they have eliminated His **identity as being our Savior**.
4. With the names 'Jesus' and 'Yeshua', people can no longer easily recognize that **YAH, The Almighty Father** is our Savior... for **the identity of our Savior is found in His name!**
The Heaven-sent name **Yahshua** means, **YAH** is salvation!
5. Because the names 'Jesus' and 'Yeshua' have removed The Almighty Fathers name, He has been **robbed** of the **glory** that belongs **to Him as being our Savior**.

I do not believe these issues are trivial. I believe these are **great wrongs** that need to be **made right** by **this** generation of Believers.

I hope you believe these issues are **meaningful** and **important** too.

The LORD will be king over the whole earth.
On that day there will be one LORD,
and **His** name **the only name**.

Zechariah 14:9

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