
YAHSHUA MESSIYAH

Friend,

The name 'Jesus' is very precious to many people. I can understand this because it was very precious to me. 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 shocked to learn the name 'Jesus', was not in fact, our Savior's true 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) tell me this?*

Bargaining: *Maybe I could keep using the name 'Jesus' and not 'rock the boat'.*

Depression: *I had 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 and teaching the Savior's true name? I had used and taught the name 'Jesus' for many years... *what will people think? Will I be ostracized?*

The scriptures brought me peace, reminding me there is only One I should seek to please. Biblical accounts of people who had made their own pivotal decisions, for good or evil, came to mind. I remembered old sayings: "*An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.*" And, "*The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now.*"

I made the decision to begin using and teaching the Savior's true Hebrew name, 'Yahshua'. My study of our Savior's true Hebrew name soon led me to see that Yahshua was in fact, the Almighty Father **Himself** manifested in flesh. Up until this time I had been a lifelong Trinitarian.

When I talk with people about the Savior's 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. For example, we say 'Netanyahu' don't we? We say the names of people from foreign lands routinely without feeling the need to '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 politely ask if they read the Bible regularly.

Scriptures tell us there is only one Savior, the Almighty Father Himself (Isaiah 43:11). Our Father waited until He came to us in person to give us His highest name, 'YAHshua' (YAH is salvation) ... "*the name which is above every name*". Tragically, the multi-transliterated name 'Jesus' has **eliminated** both the Almighty Father's name and the glory due **Him** as being our Savior. This a great wrong that needs to be made right by this generation of Believers.