

THE BIRTH OF THE MAN WHO SAVES

Matthew 1:20-21 **SLIDE**

*... Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him [Joseph] in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and **you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.**"*

THE SON OF GOD'S NAME IS 'JESUS', NOT 'CHRIST'

With all reverence I have to say - the angel didn't tell Joseph, "You shall call His name 'Christ'", but "You shall call His name 'JESUS'".

'Christ' isn't His name ... JESUS is His Name.

'Christ' means the Anointed One – the Chosen One.

'Christ' is His designation.

Jesus IS the Christ ... But His Name is JESUS.

CHRIST IS WHAT HE IS / JESUS IS WHO HE IS.

NB: The angel had already spoken the same name to Mary directly -

Luke 1:30-31 **SLIDE**

*Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call **His name JESUS.**"*

So, it's interesting that we find it easier to proclaim ...

WHAT JESUS IS ... MORE THAN WHO JESUS IS ...

We find it easier to say, 'Christmas is about the birth of Christ', rather than 'Christmas is about the Birth of Jesus'.

NOTICE:

- We call this season when we celebrate His Birth, 'Christ-mas' and not 'Jesus-mas' ...

- Our Carols often miss the emphasis on 'Jesus' placing it upon 'Christ' or 'Lord' or 'King', e.g. –

- *'... Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born **King**'.*
- *'Oh Come all ye faithful ...O come let us adore Him, **Christ the Lord**.'*

It's also interesting to note we believers are called 'Christ-ians' ...

Now that's not wrong, but we are missing the most significant point
 - **THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THIS MAN 'JESUS'**.

SLIDE THIS BABY BORN TO MANKIND WAS THE SAVIOUR OF
 MANKIND ...
 AND HIS TRUE IDENTITY IS **'JESUS'**

- **NEVER BE ASHAMED OF THAT NAME OF JESUS** ...
- IT IS JESUS' NAME THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO ALL WHO BELIEVE.

Matthew 1:21 **SLIDE**

*And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **JESUS**,
 for He will save His people from their sins.*

JESUS means 'SAVIOUR'.

It is the Greek version of 'Joshua' or 'Jeshua', meaning 'Jehovah Saves'.

Hence, *'... He will save His people from their sins.'*

TESTIMONY

*When I was younger, I was confronted by 'The Children of God'
 sect in Auckland NZ ... (The Moses David Cult)*

Led by the Holy Spirit (I believe), I asked them, 'How do people get saved?'

The guy said, 'We introduce them to Christ'.

I said, 'Jesus Christ?'

He said, 'Christ' ...

*I asked him again, but he would not acknowledge the Saviour,
 Jesus Himself ...*

Mark 13:22

For false 'Christs' ... will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect – if that were possible.

LOOK AT HOW THE DISCIPLES TESTIFIED IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 4:10&12 **SLIDE**

Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the **name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, **by Him** this man stands here before you whole ... ¹²Nor is there salvation in any other, for **there is no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

- NB: JESUS IS ALSO IDENTIFIED HERE AS **JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH**
- NB: IT IS ONLY IN THE NAME OF JESUS THAT ANYONE CAN BE SAVED
- NB: THE NAME IS **UNDER HEAVEN** ... IT'S HUMAN

Acts 16:31 **SLIDE**

So they said, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household.”**

THE MESSAGE THE DISCIPLES PREACHED WAS ... 'JESUS' THE SAVIOUR

Acts 2:22 Berean Study Bible **SLIDE**

*Men of Israel, listen to this message: **Jesus of Nazareth was a man certified by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know.***

Acts 3:6 Berean Study Bible

*But Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: In **the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, get up and walk!"*

Acts 3:16 Berean Study Bible

*By faith in **the name of Jesus**, this man whom you see and know has been made strong. It is **Jesus' name** and the faith that comes through Him that has given him this complete healing in your presence.*

Acts 10:38 KJV

*How God anointed **Jesus of Nazareth** with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

In the 1970s there was mass revival. Hundreds of thousands of young people were swept into the Kingdom of God.

IT WAS 'THE 'JESUS REVOLUTION' ...

And 'JESUS' was the Name that everyone was saying ...

SLIDE SLOGANS & POSTERS SAID, 'ONE WAY JESUS' ... 'JESUS SAVES' ... 'SMILE, JESUS LOVES YOU' ...

There were songs like, 'JESUS IS THE ANSWER' ...

And many young hippies and dropouts came to know JESUS the Saviour ...

CONCLUSION

At this Christmas season, let us remember JESUS the SAVIOUR.

SLIDES

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS ...

THE NAME OF JESUS