

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE  
**YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS**

**Matthew 1:21**

**1. A Commanded Name, from God Himself**

How did you get your name? Your parents gave it to you.

Did an angel from God command them to give you your name?

But that is just how Jesus our Lord was named:

Gabriel, sent from God to Mary, told her to name her Son "Jesus."

And in a dream an angel told Joseph to name Him Jesus.

**God Himself** chose Jesus' name and revealed it by angels.

Jesus' Father in heaven gave His eternal Son His human name.

That makes the name of Jesus very special.

On the other hand, it was His *every-day name* (like your first name).

Not "Immanuel" (from Isaiah 7:14) or those glorious names in Isaiah 9:6 (and not "Lord" or "Christ" which are not names, but His offices).

**2. An Old Name**

The name itself was already old & has a history.

"Jesus" is how we have rendered his name in English;

in the Greek, **iesous**, from the Aramaic, **Yeshua**, from the Hebrew, **Yehoshua** – or as we say it, **Joshua**.

Several in the Old Testament were named Joshua, most notably the man who was Moses' chief aide and succeeded Moses in leading Israel in to conquer & possess the promised land.

In the Old Testament the name was a confession of faith in the LORD - Yah (short for Yahweh, God's covenant name) + saves, salvation: The LORD saves/delivers or The LORD is Savior/Deliverer.

**3. A Name with glorious new meaning**

The angel who spoke to Joseph, told Joseph WHY His name is Jesus:

"For He will save His people from their sins." Matt.1:21

Not: "Call Him Jesus because you trust the Lord to save ..."

But: "Call Him Jesus because He **IS** the LORD who **will** save ..."

Jesus IS the LORD God, come to save His people.

He will "save His people ..."

-not meaning Israel as a nation,

BUT people from Israel & from all other nations who believe in Him for their salvation.

- chosen in Him before creation (Eph.1:3,4), given to Him by His Father before His incarnation (Jn.6:39), brought to faith & repentance by the Holy Spirit.

Are you one of Jesus' people?

"...from their sins." - Your greatest need!

This is all-inclusive: from power & corruption of sin, from guilt of sin, from the curse of God on sin & His wrath and judgment.

How?

By atoning for our sins in His offering on the cross and rising again.

There is no other Lord & Savior from sin – only Jesus.