

Yahshua vs. “Jesus”

There is a major misnomer that exists out in the world today; not only in the world, but it is creeping into the Assemblies as well. The misnomer is this: “The name of Yahshua and Jesus belong to the same person— they are the same thing. There’s no difference between them. One of them comes from an ancient language, one of them comes from a more modern language. One is in Hebrew, one is in Greek, but they are both the same, and belong to the same individual.” I’m here today to tell you that nothing could be further from the truth! Most of the Christian religions in the world have two things in common. They claim that their religion or church is founded on biblical standards found in the Scriptures. Yet, they all mold the Scriptures to fit their needs and their desires. The Name of the Savior is not any different.

In **Exodus 32**, when Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain, the people took matters into their own hands, and what came out of it? A golden calf came out of it! In **Exodus 32:5**, **Aaron made a proclamation, and said, “Tomorrow is a feast to Yahweh,”** pointing to the calf. So, their “mighty one” became a “calf.”

There’s nothing new under the sun. Take the name of Yahweh, for instance. When I talk to people and I use the name of Yahweh, most of them say, “I’ve heard that name. That’s the name of God.” They know it. Catholics have a Bible with the name of Yahweh throughout the entire Old Testament. The Christian world has songs with Yahweh’s name in them. They know it—but they refuse to use it. When you tell them that the Name of Yahweh should be used because it is His personal Name, and what He desires to be called, the response that I get most of the time is: “Well, we don’t speak Hebrew, we speak English and we call him ‘God.’ It’s the same thing!”

I remember talking with a lady about this subject one time, and as we got into a conversation, all of a sudden, she got a strange look on her face and she looked me in the eye and said, “You mean, you’re not a Christian?!?”

I think that Yahshua actually predicted the coming of Jesus. We talk about the anti-Messiah. “Anti” has two meanings. It means “other than” or “totally against.” It can mean either. Please stop and think about it. Yahshua knew somebody was going to follow Him. He made comments in different places. He said, **many will come in My name**, etc. But He made a distinct comment in the Book of John:

John 5:43, I am come in My Father's name, and you receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive.

Do you see that? It’s amazing, isn’t it? A couple of years back, I did a little study and found that over 90% of the people in the United States claim to be “Christians,” who all believe in “Jesus.” That leaves the rest of them, including us, way down in the lower numbers. But read this again: **I am come in My Father’s name, and you receive Me not: another will come in his own name and him you will receive.** Did Yahshua predict the coming of “another” false Messiah?

Act 13:32-33, And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which

was made unto the fathers, Elohim hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up Yahshua again; as it is also written in the second Psalm, “Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.” That IS the good news—the resurrection of the Messiah!

Look at what Paul says in **Galatians 1:6-10**, I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Messiah unto another teaching ... but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the good news of Messiah. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other good news unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, “If any man preach any other good news unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” For do I now persuade men, or Elohim, or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Messiah. Let him be accursed who teaches anything other than the good news—the death and resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah—that IS the good news. AND, if anybody preaches a different message, let him be cursed!

The world loves “Jesus.” Why? They love him because he makes life easy for them. They no longer need to keep any of the rules and regulations that the people had to keep in the Old Testament. They are a “new testament church, and Jesus freed them from all of that on the cross.”

What the world has done, my dear friends, is that they have taken the concept of a savior and they have invented one for themselves and they call him Jesus. He is not the Messiah Yahshua Who we know. He is a different personage—a very different concept of what the Messiah came to this earth to accomplish!

What is Jesus really doing for people? I’m afraid he is keeping his followers from entering into the Kingdom. According to the words I just read, they are accursed! Those are the words that are written. All they have to do is read **Matthew 5:17**. They don’t even read it all. They just read the part that He fulfilled all the law. Does “fulfill” mean to “do away with”? **Matthew 3:15** says that He fulfilled all righteousness. If “fulfill” means to “do away with,” then He did away with righteousness, too! Does that make sense? No! Re-read **Matthew 3:15**, and then go back and compare it to **Matthew 5:17**. Study it for yourself by reading the words in the Book—with spiritual eyes!

Revelation 20:15, And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. That is the second death. Yahshua didn’t do away with any of the laws and He never once said He did.

Luke 24:47-48, And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Remission of sins should be preached in His name. He came for the remission of sins, not to do away with the law—but to provide a blood covering for the remission of sins.

What is sin? **1 John 3:4**, Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. If there is no law, there is no sin! Do we truly understand that? There would be no need for redemption! There would be no need for a savior! You can put it together. It’s really easy to figure out. It is literally an open book. John the Baptist probably said it the best with the fewest of words. When he saw Yahshua coming, he said, **Lo, behold**

the Lamb of Yahweh Who takes away the sins of the world. That's it. That's Yahshua—the **Lamb of Yahweh Who takes away the sins of the world.** He is not one that does away with all the laws; not one that changes everything, including changing holy days to “holidays.” Behold, the Lamb of Yahweh, Who takes away the sins of the world—that is what He takes away. When you are baptized in the name of Yahshua, He does away with all of your past sins. He doesn't take away the laws which tell us what sin is! He gives you a fresh start and the ability to be able to follow the Father's laws.

Act 13:26-27, Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you fears Elohim, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning Him. They were fulfilling the law in condemning Him—He was standing right in front of them, and they didn't even recognize Him!

So what about this Latinized Greek name, “Jesus”? I'm confused that an English-speaking people cannot pronounce the Hebrew name of Yahshua, but they can pronounce the Greek name of Jesus! Think about it! If you can say one, why can't you say the other? They know, but they just won't do it. And the ministers all know. I've never spoken to any minister or priest who didn't know Yahweh's name because they've studied the Hebrew. They know it. If they would have only learned basic Bible fundamentals in studying the Word!

In addition, the name “Satan” is also Hebrew. In the Hebrew language, his name is “śāṭan,” (Strong's #7854) and nobody seems to have a problem pronouncing that Hebrew name—because it sounds the same in Hebrew as it does in English! Learn what “transliteration” is—proper nouns, like the names of people—bringing the sounds across from one language to another. If they would learn what “transliteration” is, they wouldn't have any problem with the names. They wouldn't be trying to “translate” the two most important names in the Bible—they'd be “transliterating” the names! The Heavenly Father's name sounds the same in Hebrew as it does in English! Really, this is quite easy to understand. Each one of the Hebrew characters has a sound. Every English letter has a sound. Match up the English sounding letter, with the Hebrew sounding character, and you end up with the pronunciation of a proper noun—a name. How much simpler can it be?

The hardest thing about studying the Scriptures is *wanting* to know the truth—studying to learn what the Scripture teaches—not trying to prove what you believe by twisting Scriptures. We need to want to know the truth and you have to study to know the truth. But it's obvious that so many just want the easy way out. It's like water, which takes the path of least resistance. That's how people are out there. When I was a Catholic, we had Bible studies at my house, but we didn't have Bibles. We had Vatican papers—really?! But we called them Bible studies.

So, what does “Jesus” actually mean? I know what “Yahshua” means, but what does “Jesus” mean? Christians say that it means “salvation.” My studies have shown that the word for “salvation” in Greek is “soter.” I cannot find anything that resembles “soter” in the word “Jesus.” Some theologians say it comes from “hail Zeus,” which is worshipping a pagan deity. The dictionary says the “sus” on the end is referring to a female pig—a sow. Some say it

comes from “healing Zeus,” but nobody actually knows positively what it means. So where did it come from, and how did that manmade name ever come into being? I have yet to find any evidence telling me exactly what it means. But, I can tell you, undeniably, what the name “Yahshua” means. “Yah” is the poetic short form of the name “Yahweh” and “shua” means “salvation.” Together, “Yahshua” means, “Yahweh is salvation,” or “Yahweh our salvation.”

Isaiah 42:8, I am Yahweh, that is My name, and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.

If people start using the Name of Yahshua, they are going to have to start to understand the name of Yahweh also. An individual’s characteristics go along with that person’s name. Yahweh’s character is “self-existent.”

There is no other deity that can make that claim—“self-existent.” Yahshua’s character is “Savior of the world,” and there is no one else that has that characteristic. There are only two Who can take those characteristics: Yahweh, the only Self-Existent One, and Yahshua, Messiah of the world.

Look at the characteristics of Yahshua, according to the Bible—the Word of truth—and Jesus, according to the Holy Mother of the Church. You will see two different names, two different men, two totally different characters and characteristics. They are not even close to being the same! Jesus was born on December 25th. Yahshua was born in the Fall. Jesus was a part of the triune godhead. Yahshua was the Son of Yahweh. He said, “**My Father is greater than I.**” Jesus died on Good Friday. Yahshua died on Passover. Jesus was in the grave only parts of 3 days and 2 nights. Yahshua was in the grave 3 days and 3 nights (the only sign that would be given to mankind)! And on and on!

I believe that Yahshua predicted the coming of “Jesus!” Is it possible that the anti-messiah is already in the world? It’s a great deception and if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived. We must be sure that our faith and convictions are based on truth—in the very Word of Yahweh! May He bless each of you as you seek Him and His true Messiah!

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