

Is The Name of JESUS a Pagan Name – or?

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The following is an article by Rick Turner and Matt Slick. They present the usual teaching that has blinded most and has become the basic teaching of all those professing to be teachers of the New Covenant in the community of this world's Christianity. The Jesus they teach was born on December the 25th, had beautiful features, was crucified Friday evening, and rose from the dead Sunday morning. This is either a different Messiah from that Messiah and Savior the Apostles taught and preached or the Apostles of the Messiah are themselves false.

Ask yourself this one question, Where in all of the Holy Bible, sacred to Christians and Jews, does it say, *By My many Names you shall know Me, or call on Me, or worship Me?* It doesn't but it does talk about His Name.

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Is the name Jesus a pagan name?

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The name [Jesus](#) actually means, "Yahweh delivers" or "Yahweh saves." Jesus is the English translation of the Greek *Iesous* (Ἰησοῦς) or the Hebrew *Yeshua* (or Joshua). Jesus probably was originally called Yeshua (or Joshua) in the Aramaic speaking culture in which he was born. Interestingly, Yeshua was a common name in first century Palestine where Jesus lived.

Servants Comment: This first statement sets up the lie. Yes, getting right to the point. The name JESUS did not exist until the 17th century. If this newly created name means, YaHWeH Delivers, then what name meant that before the 17th century? Is this the name, then, that the Apostles taught and baptized in? NO! Is this the Name our Heavenly

Father Named His Son? NO! Is there a Name that existed in the first century, a name delivered by the Angel Gabriel, to Name our Lord? Yes, and in English it was Transliterated as JOSHUA. Is there a name that existed before, a name found among men (Acts 4:12), that the Angel from Heaven said He was to be Named? Yes. And that Name was not and is not JESUS – a name pronounced by many as HeyZeus. Again: The proper transliterated name, in English, for our Savior, the Messiah of the New Covenant is, has always been, JOSHUA, pronounced in modern English as, YaHshua. This Name means – YaH is Savior. While He is also our Deliver, that is not what this Name means. That idea comes from a term that is very close to His Name, a term that means, salvation or deliver, but is not His Name in full. This term is Yeshua – notice the missing H? Yeshua, simply means salvation or savior or deliver. His Name, however, His Birth Name is, YaHshua. He did say that He came in His Father's Name, and His Father's Name is not JESUS.

The author tries to make the point that his name is different in different languages by mention of the Aramaic Yeshua, a term also used by most of the Messianic Jews but that does not make it right. However, the admission is there, that the name, Yeshua is probably the name used back then – this is an admission that it was not JESUS. Yeshua, as a name, is far closer to His original birth name than the bogus name used by the pagan Christians of today.

Therefore, Jesus is not a pagan name in the sense of originating from a pagan context. Rather, the original writers of the New Testament used Iesous (Greek for Jesus) about 917 times to describe who Jesus truly was. However, there is not a single reference in the New Testament where Jesus is explicitly called by his Hebrew name Yeshua. But, in [Matt. 1:21](#) we are told what Jesus' name is. "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

Servant's Comment: It is on record that it was the Greeks who first profaned His Name by applying a different name in reference to YaHshua, our Savior and Messiah of the New Covenant. IESOUS, is pronounced as Hey Soos, or Hey Zoos, or Hey Zeus, meaning The Zeus. This worked for the Greeks as they had a Healer God that fit for them, Zeus. The other pronunciation, in the Greek. Just because the pagan Greeks changed His Holy Name, the very Name His Father Uses, into a pagan reference does not give Christians the right to also change His Birth Name, especially when we find His Birth Name in the Bible, in the Old covenant, and it is still there to this day. That's right, the very Name He was Named at Birth has always been in the Holy Book, in the Old Covenant writings, in Torah, so why did the translators change it? The Name JOSHUA is in the Holy Bible and then is mysteriously changed in the New Covenant, by the pagan Christians to some other name, that in the Greek dialect would sound an lot like Zeus, then to the pagan Latins, IESVS, that has an ISIS sound on down to the English that with the letter change from the I to the J, gave us Geezus – not one of which comes close to His original, YaHshua. Even in the Old Covenant translations the translators took the liberty to stop using His Holy Name by substituting LORD – no, by replacing His Holy Name, YHWH with LORD. There is a place the English translators missed, a place that supports and witnesses against what they did –

(Psa 68:4) Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rides upon the

heavens by His Name JAH, and rejoice before Him. KJV (King James Version)

(Psa 68:4) Sing to God, sing praises to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds by his name, Yah; and be glad in his presence. CJB (Complete Jewish Bible)

Once you begin to unravel what the translators have done, from the Greeks, then through the Latins and finally the English, you will see how the truth has been covered up. Still, there are those places they missed, those places, like Ps 68:4, that witness against them and destroy defensive arguments, such as this article by Rick Turner and Matt Slick. There are others, as well, like Dr Botkin, all defending an error that would never hold up in a court of Law. The believer has to ask, why? Perhaps there are other forces at work here, indeed, perhaps there are other forces at work here?

Should we pray to Jesus using His Hebrew name?

The New Testament never says that we have to use the Hebrew name of Jesus in order to properly pray to him. In the entire New Testament, it is only the Greek name for Jesus that is used. For example, when Paul says in [Romans 10:13](#), "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED," he is actually referring to Jesus by the context (cf. [Romans 10:9](#)). Earlier, in [Romans 10:9](#), Paul states, "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus [Greek Iesous or Ἰησοῦς] as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Again, Paul uses the Greek Iesous to refer to Jesus. If the New Testament writers had thought that Jesus' name in Hebrew (Yeshua or Joshua) was necessary for one to pronounce, then they could have simply transliterated his name into Greek. However, they did not do so.

Servant's Comment: This is almost laughable. This is an assumption that names change with the language. This is not true. My name does not change to a completely different name in a different language. If a Greek were to say my name, or your they would say your name as it sounds, a sound you would recognize as your name. Names can be changed and are sometimes, but everyone has a reason for this. The old Christians used to baptize a pagan and then give them a new Christian Name, but that new name was never a repeat of the pagan name. Our Lord was NEVER renamed. His Birth Name was given to Him as an absolute from our Heavenly Father. Men were not allowed to Name Him. His Name came by special delivery, from the mouth of the Angel Gabriel and only then did Mary and Joseph Name Him – Mt 1:25

The point the authors of this article are attempting to make is that as the Greeks came to be converted Paul, speaking Greek, then renamed our Lord to a Greek Name. No, the translators did that. Paul would never change a Jew's name to a Greek Name, least of all a Jewish Born Savior. No, that change came later. The later Christians and translators found it more convenient and helpful to their conversion ministries to get the pagans to convert in a familiar name, as opposed to a Jewish name. Still, no one can get past the evidence that His Name is in the Holy Book, and has always been transliterated as

JOSHUA, today as YaHshua, and never Jesus. The Name JESUS is not a transliteration of His Name. His Name has never been lost, only ignored. This does not take anything more than a common sense look to see this truth. Yes, those who classify themselves as scholars or leaders in the Church can be and often are wrong. On this, they are dead wrong.

If one insists that we must call Jesus by his Hebrew name, then would Jesus have refused to help someone who called to him in Greek? Could you imagine Jesus refusing to heal the blind man named Bartimaeus who cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" if he did not use his exact Hebrew name, but instead called him "Iesous"?¹ I could not even imagine Jesus turning around and saying, "Excuse me! I only answer requests in the Hebrew language!" Since Jesus may have been bilingual or trilingual, it is highly unlikely that he would have ignored someone asking him for help or healing just because of the language in which the person requested help.

Servants Comment: This is a pat yourself on your pointed head moment. Rick and Matt start off with the false premise that in such an incident the person calling for a healing would call out to YaHshua by another name. Think about it, if you were walking down the street and someone called out to you from across the street, only they were calling out to you by another, totally different name that the name you personally possessed, would you know they were calling you? You might even ignore them, thinking they are calling to someone else. The Greeks did not call Jews by different names – imagine the confusion. And the Jews did not call their Greek traders and counterparts by other different names either. Dan was called Dan and Markus was called Markus. Think about it and you will see the sense of it and the stupidity of thinking otherwise.

Since Jesus is God in flesh (John 1:1,14; Col. 2:9), he is not limited by someone's language. He knows all things (1 John 3:20). Therefore, one can call upon Jesus using whatever translation for Jesus that one knows...Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Latin, or even Swahili.

Servant's Comment: Again, common sense must, or should prevail. Look in your own Bible, and everywhere you see the term LORD in caps, know that that is where the translators change YHWH, pronounced as YaHWeH, to LORD. Now, restore this proper Name to your reading and you will find that our Savior and God Named themselves, and did not change their name, willy nilly, from one language to another. A Name was given to Moses, a Name that was to go out through every and all generations. Just as the challenge is made –

(1Co 8:5-6) For though there are things that are called "gods," whether in the heavens or on earth; as there are many "gods" and many "lords;" yet to us there is one God, the FATHER, of whom are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, YaHshua the messiah, through whom are all things, and we live through him.

There are many god and lord, so which is yours? How can you determine you have the right God or Lord if you are allowed to call on just any name or change in name. Perhaps the name Buddha is just another name for our God. Guess

what? This is exactly what is happening in much of Christianity today. There is a teaching going around, one that has the Roman Catholic Churches approval, That we are all calling on the One True God, just in different ways, and this new thinking is accepting pagan gods into the Christian pantheon of gods, suggesting that all of these different names are really all calling on the one God. This is utter stupidity and very dangerous, as our Creator is not Buddha, not is He Krishna, or any of the other millions of Hindu god animal gods. But this it what these authors are ultimately suggesting. Even in the face of His Words making this challenge –

*(Pro 30:4) Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? **What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know?***

This is not to say that our Lord would not have had compassion on someone outside of His own race, especially someone who called on Him as the Son of God. But even He, in His ministry, did not go around healing Greeks nor Romans, no, that would be the work of His Apostles, but not until much later. He even commanded His disciples not to go in the way of the Gentiles but to Israel only. Even the Samaritan woman at the well, our Lord chided her for even talking to Him. But, he saw the faith and the good reasoning in her. Still, he rejected her at first.

*(Mat 10:5) YaHshua sent these twelve out, and commanded them, saying, "**Don't go among the Gentiles, and don't enter into any city of the Samaritans. Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!'***

YaHshua had to call Paul into the ministry to cover the Gentiles. The Disciples followed our Lord's command. They were not healing in any other name than His Birth Name, and they were very reluctant to go to any Gentile, so Paul was called into action and became the Apostle to the Gentiles, and all of this took years. The First 14 years, even after the baptism of the Gentile Roman officer and his family, the other Apostles continued to ignore the Gentiles. Some 14 years go by and Paul is brought into service and becomes the Apostle to the Gentiles.

*(Act 9:15) But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto me, **to bear My Name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:***

In your Bible you can search for how many time our Creator and our Heavenly Father make reference to their many names. Guess what, your search will come up with zero results. Never is there a reference to His Many Names, or by His

Names, but do another search for, My Name and you will find 122 verses where He makes specific reference to a specific name. By My many names you will know me? No, it is, By My Name you will know Me. Stop listening to men and listen to your own Bible, to His word and word.

Should we only use Yahweh in reference to God?

If someone is still not convinced that calling upon Jesus is sufficient, he could further press the issue to absurdity. Must he use Yahweh, which is the proper name for the LORD in the Old Testament every time he calls upon God in prayer? Do prayers like, "God, please help me to love you," not work? Does God then want us all to speak the Hebrew language for the entire prayer for a special line up to the heavens? Of course not. God is not limited by language. He is not limited by some formula. Rather, he knows all things and he can answer any prayer from anyone in any language at any time.

Servant's Comment: This is the crooked calling the crooked, crooked. What is *absurd* is the backward reasoning used to convince you of the error in their own faulty reasoning. This is not a small error or mistake, this is huge. They might as well be pagans as any name will do, apparently – skip over how much emphasis is place on His Name throughout the Bible – never mind that He went to the trouble of Identifying Himself to Moses and did not suggest a name, but told Moses the very Name He was to be remembered, throughout all their generations (Ex 3:15). The admission in this final paragraph is eye opening and a good demonstration of the faulty reasoning used to support the lie being supported by the fools of earth. They admit that YaHWeH is the PROPER NAME of the Lord of the Old Testament. Then immediately make a suggestion that is contrary to the Old Testament teachings – teachings about making His Name Great – not His Many Name, or any name but HIS NAME

*(Exo 3:15) And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say to the children of Israel, The YaHWeH God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you: **this is My Name for ever, and this is My Memorial to all generations.***

What, then, are we to accept the faulty reasoning and say it does not matter? What name is it these authors would have us baptize in? Aren't the Christian missionaries quick to baptize in the name of

JESUS? Would a missionary baptize a pagan savage in any other name, than JEUS? Of course not, but what if the name JESUS is wrong, what if that is NOT His Name?? Do you see? On the one hand these authors, Rick and Matt, parrot exactly what other false defenders of the bogus name do, they will only baptize in the name JESUS, but then turn around and say any name will do. Liars all.

*(Exo 9:16) But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you My power **and that My Name might be proclaimed in all the earth.***

(Isa 48:8) You have neither heard nor understood; from of old your ear has not been open. Well do I know how treacherous you are; you were called a rebel from birth.

*(Isa 48:9) **For My Own Name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of My praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off.***

(Isa 48:10) See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

*(Isa 48:11) For My Own sake, for My Own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? **I will not yield My glory to another.***

*(Isa 48:12) Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: **I am He; I am the first and I am the last.** NIV*

*(Isa 52:6) **Therefore My people will know My Name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.***

We must not forget that it will and has all come down to a battle over names. The Beast has a name, and a number and a value over his name. If you accept the name of the Beast they you have received the Mark of the Beast. In a like manner, if you accept the one and only name, found under heaven by which you must be saved, they you will be sealed by His Spirit and marked by the Name of our Heavenly Father. Your choice, just any old name, or His Name, or perhaps, living in the error, the name of the Beast?

*(Rev 13:16-17) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, **which is the name of the beast** or the number of his name.*

Never let anyone tell you that names do not matter, that you can call on Him with just any old name. Salvation, not in the flesh, but for eternal life can come from and through only one individual, as the Father has decided and put forward, and that salvation is found in no other than YaHshua. HalleluYaH.

The following is a note at the end of this faulty presentation by Rick Turner and Matt Slick, and, of course, my response:

1. I realize that Bartimeus may have originally called Jesus Yeshua in the original Aramaic speaking context of the first century. However, the point is that Luke portrays this conversation as happening in Greek. Therefore, he saw no problem with one calling upon Jesus in the Greek language.

Let us assume, for the moment, that this noted observation is correct, that the author of the Gospel of Luke, by Luke is portraying this conversation in Greek. What then? Luke saw no problem with calling upon JESUS? How truly absurd, this reasoning. Again, the name JESUS never existed when Luke wrote out his Gospel account. This ending note is a good example of the faulty reasoning, and to what purpose? You can be certain, the Devil and his agents do not want you to use His Holy Name.

(Act 4:12) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." NIV

(Act 4:12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. KJV

Now enters the answered prayer proof – or so they say.

The reasoning is that when you call on god JESUS aren't your prayers answered? I could go on about the great mercy of our Heavenly Father answering the prayers of the ignorant, but suffice it to say, even the prayers of the pagans are answered. Think about it, if the prayers prayed to stone and wood were never answered then people would stop praying to stone and wood. Prayer is a matter of faith and faith is a miracle for all. This kind of faith is from a merciful Creator, not for pagan worship but to allow mankind to find their way until He returns. He is not trying to save all people right now. For those living in the dark He allows them to live in the placebo of their

own hearts. Accountability comes with the truth being revealed and the blinders taken away from your eyes. Faith is a miracle all people enjoy.

Our Lord healed many people, and with each He said it was by their faith. Did these become his followers? Many did, but eventually they all abandoned Him. There were even other Jews, who decided to use His Name to heal in, these men were Jewish healers, but when they went to His Name the demon jumped them and beat them up.

(Act 19:14) And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, YaHshua I know, and Paul I know; but who are you? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Faith is one thing, and healing another. Faith is required but is not always effective and sometime more needs to be done. Just as our Lord instructed His disciples.

(Mat 17:15) Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for often times he falls into the fire, and often into the water.

(Mat 17:16) And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him.

(Mat 17:17) Then YaHshua answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to Me.

(Mat 17:18) And YaHshua rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

(Mat 17:19) Then came the disciples to YaHshua apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

(Mat 17:20) And YaHshua said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

*(Mat 17:21) **However this kind goes not out but by prayer and fasting.***

The healing that took place were many and varied. We find not record that all of those healed were believers, in fact many went on

their way. The healings were out of mercy for the afflicted. Healing was a proof if for no other reason than to believe. The disciples were told this very thing. But does healing prove you have the right god?

No, it does not. It can add to your faith, your belief but it is not the proof you have the right god. Our Creator sends the miracle of rain upon the wicked as well as the righteous. Let this be the lesson. The miracle of Faith is rained upon the wicked as well as the righteous. If this were not the case the witch doctors of the deepest jungles would not exist. Many false religions capitalize on the miracle of faith.

A woman approached YaHshua from behind and touch His belt and she was instantly healed. YaHshua felt this touch and turned on the frightened woman. YaHshua then promptly informed everyone that it was her faith in Him that brought her healing about.

Of course there were many miracle demonstrations that went over the faith requirement, like the driving out of the demon, not by faith, but by prayer and fasting. This is also true of the time the Apostle Peter's shadow will cross or Passover the sick and they were immediately healed. All of this had nothing to do with names but were events used to bring attention to the Apostles and their message about YaHshua, our Savior.

It is close to blaspheme to teach that He heals in any other name. Yes, there are healings in other names, other names of gods and religions and pagan rites and customs but to then assume that it is the healings or the answer to prayer that prove you have the right god, is a grave mistake. This kind of think leads to what is happening today, all religions are being accept as worship of the One True God in different ways, by different names, and this is a huge lie.

Restore His birth Name to you reading of your Bible and you will see this immediately. You will see that names do matter. Your name

matters to you and your family and the family you represent, so what make you or anyone else thing HIS NAME does not matter? You cannot baptize in one and only one name and then say it does not matter. All Christian teachers, preacher, and ministers, what name do you baptize in? What is your reasoning? Oh, that it is the Greek Equivalent? Why use a bogus Greek name when you have His Name, when you can find His Name in your own Bible? Why was His Name CHANGED from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant? If His Name were lost, maybe, but it is not lost and has never been lost. The Old English JOSHUA is nowhere near an equivalent or partner to the bogus name JESUS. The Old English transliteration, JOSHUA, is, however, an equivalent to the modern, YaHshua. Even as this Name has a correct kinship to YH and YHWH of the Old Testament. So, why was it changed by the Translators of the New Covenant writings? To deceive you – perhaps not on purpose but if not on purpose then why? Answer that and you have your answer.

*(2Ti 3:13) But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, **deceiving, and being deceived.***

We can stop here. I do believe the point has been made and you either see it or you do not. Peace, your servant, Dan (Not Pete, or Dave or Al, but Dan)