

NAMES OF JESUS

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MATTHEW 1:21: JESUS was the personal name of our SAVIOUR. It is the Greek form of the Hebrew "Joshua" HEBREWS 4:8. It means "YAHWEH IS SALVATION". The name "JESUS" emphasizes his humiliation, and HIS humanity ACTS 2:36; 7:55,56 (the ONE whom they had rejected and crucified is here in view); (HEBREWS 2:9,10).

PHILIPPIANS 2:11: CHRIST is the English form of the Greek word "CHRISTOS" which corresponds to the Hebrew word "Messiah" meaning "anointed" or the "ANOINTED ONE". ANOINTING signified holiness, or separation unto God and was an act of God even when done by man (1 SAMUEL 10:1). METAPHORICALLY it means the "bestowal of divine favour (PSALM 105:14,15). The Jewish hope was centered on the establishment of God's Kingdom and its ruler would be a king, anointed by God and belonging to the line of David. Jesus Christ means "Jesus, the Anointed of God". The term "Anointed One" is used to describe a king, priest or prophet, Jesus is all three in one.

THE CHRIST (MARK 14:61,62) therefore means, the ONE set apart by God to fulfill His purpose, bestowed with divine favor and authority. That purpose of God was Christ crucified (1 CORINTHIANS 1:23,24; 2:5).

In Paul's letters, Christ Jesus describes the exalted One who emptied Himself and Jesus Christ describes the despised and rejected One who was afterward glorified.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:9: Lord means "MASTER, OWNER "One who possesses supreme authority and power and has dominion over all creation (PHILIPPIANS 2:11)