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These were the words from the Son of God in His dialogue to the Father on His fateful night. It was this important for us to receive His name, so much so in fact that He reported that to our Father before He left. So His name should be of monumental importance for us to try to understand in meaning at least if not in spelling.

But you see there is a difference between a name and a title. For example your neighbor could be a man who is a doctor who believes in God who likes to fish who came from Europe, but none of those descriptors tell us his name.

So it goes with scripture and names of God. And however, of the whole collection of scripture with all commentaries, we only talk about NOT God's name, but His tasks for you see even the name of the Son of God is not a name but a title because the name/title given to Him is just a description of a task He had to do for our deliverance. For this reason people call Him "Savior" because that was central to the work that He did for the redemption of humanity. But after He redeems, saves and delivers us, that name, task title no longer clearly depicts who He is but what He did.

Christ came to reset humanity, to wipe away the obscurities and make the way to the Father clean and clear and opened for our unhindered interaction with God and His various titles, but God is one, God is Echad. And we are called to associate with Him without the surrogate names for they all have the singular purpose of being expired. And when it comes to the name Jesus, it comes from the Hebrew name Joshua, or better yet Yashuah, because if you trace the name back through the obscurities of time, that is where we simply trace the name to. "The secret things belong to us that we may know them and do them. These are for our own discovery not just of God, but who we are as "the man in the mirror" of His word.

For this reason we see in the book of Joshua right before they cross over the River Jordan to topple Jericho with shouts to drop the wall, Joshua sees a man stand opposite him who says "I have now come forth as commander... This one who stood before Joshua was the true deliverer who Joshua was to shadow in temporary things the Son of God in the invisible. As with all the pictures in scripture they have their Eternal counterpart and that's what Joshua was, a commander, chief a leader and a Savior for God's Israel.

We know this because as we research the name Jesus, we can trace it directly to Joshua. Do you know that of all the times that the title/name Jesus is translated, there is one only place it is translated correctly and that is with Joshua in the book of Hebrews. Why did they translate it Joshua? Because if they didn't, if they used the title Jesus, it would not have made the correct association with the character Joshua. But the real lesson here is that Jesus is not an accurate rendering from His Old Testament picture.

Think about it, when you go anywhere, you may go as a lest us say “doctor”, and the title “doctor” may have a completely different pronunciation from every other language, but you always use the same name. Meaning that if, and we mean if, if The Son of Gods name was Jesus, wouldn't that be His name always? Would Matthew introduce himself as Frank or Salvador because he went to a different country or culture? No!

It is for the same reason the name Jesus should not be changed to Joshua or Yehoshuah or any of the variables. Meaning that the titles given to God and His Only Begotten Son may be many but their names never change. Even as God said rhough Micah “I am... and I change not!”

And this is the point. What is the difference between a name and a title? In Gods honest truth the name given to Christ is just a title. Jesus derives from Joshua who is derived fromYahshua to Yahshuah, which originates from the tetronogram of YHVH, which is also the source word for the title “ savior” for that was central to the work The Son of God had to do. But after he saves, He is no longer a savior, and if He has to come and save, make safe again, He did a crappy job. But He said in John 17. Father, I have completed the work you have given Me to do. I have kept those whom you have given Me out the world, I have given them your name and they have kept it. Now they know truely that I came forth from you, that I return to you and they see Me no more. It was with these words and the saving savior of the cross expired.

In John 13 Jesus, Joshua, Yahshuah, savior was seated with His disciples and He walked out a parable for them. He was seated, raised himself up, took off His robe, wrapped himself with a towel, dipped it in water and washed His disciples and said “if I do not wash you, you have no part IN Me. After washing them, He laid down the towel, put back on His robe and sat back down and said to them “do you realize what I have just done to you? And they ignorantly said “yes lord, Jesus,Joshuah, Jehovah all titles to be expired. He just walked out His purpose for becoming one of us. He rose up from the Father and took off His dirty. Putting on the robe was putting on a temporal purpose such is our time here. Then with the towel his flesh, He cleaned them then returned to His original disposition. And as Christ repeated in John16 that “I go to the Father and you see Me no more”, meaning any of those Savior titles you call Him. We know Him as “The Name no man can say because “eye has not seen nor man heard” nor can they say with their mouth correctly the name of God.

The point here is that if we can understand that none of those titles are names but a job description, then we don't have to argue about the name, but we do have to recognize them as titles only. And in truth Christ can take on the form of a servant as we've just seen, he can take on the form of a bus driver, a passer by on the street or in a store or take on the form of a street person or a child. For even John the Apostle in his book called “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”. He was seen at the end of the boom bowing to an angel thinking it was Jesus, Joshua, Yashuah, the savior and that angel told John “ see that you do NOT do that for I am one of thy brethren of those who keep the testimony of Christ, worship Him.

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in closing there are two introductions we should remember. One was the rider on the horse in the revelation whose venture was dipped in blood whose name is "The Word of God, whom no man can say". Primarily because if His name is a collection of titles of the things He does and has done, we can never say His name on this side of Eternity. But lucky for those of us who are born again and born from above in that, we can see His Kingdom, and we can enter His Kingdom because we have been born from above of Spirit and Truth.

"The Kingdom of God is at hand" in this way