

# HOLY ONE, the HOLY AND JUST ONE

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"You men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know; Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain Him; whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that he should be held by it. For David speaks concerning Him, "I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on My right hand, that I should not be moved; therefore my heart did rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope; Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt You allow Your **Holy-One** to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; You shalt make me full of joy with Your countenance.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you concerning the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne; he seeing this beforehand spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses. Therefore being exalted by the right hand of God, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has shown forth this, which you now see and hear; for David has not ascended into the heavens; but he himself says, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit You on My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made this same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ. (Acts 2:22-36)

**Holy-One:** from the Greek word *hagios* a noun which means: holy-one; "set apart by, or for, God; holy, sacred"

Jesus is the Holy-One because He has been chosen and anointed and set apart by God to be the promised Messiah, the Christ, and Savior for all people, and thus a mediator between people of faith, and God.

It carries a preeminence similar to titles that are used for God Himself:

"To whom then will you liken me, or shall I be equal? says **the Holy One.**" (Isaiah 40:25)

"I will also praise You with the psaltery, even Your truth, O my God: unto You will I sing with the harp, O Thou Holy One of Israel. (Psalms 71:22)

"Now Peter and John went up together into the Temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple which is called Beautiful, to ask for alms of those who entered into the Temple. Who, when seeing Peter and John about to go into the Temple asked for alms. And Peter, fixing his eyes upon him, along with John, said, "Look at us!" And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have; but such as I do have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And leaping up he stood, and walked, and entered with them into the Temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. And they knew that it was he who sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the Temple. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened unto him.

And as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the portico that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw them, he answered unto the people, "You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this?"

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Or why do you look so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Son Jesus; whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But you denied the Holy and Just One, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the **Prince of Life**, whom God has raised from the dead; to which we are witnesses. And in His name through faith, in His name He has made this man strong, whom you see and know; yes, the faith which is through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:1-16)

**Just-One:** from the Greek word *dikaios* which means: "just; righteous; especially in the eyes of God; by implication innocent"

This title of Jesus can also be translated: the **Holy and Righteous-one**; and it is a title with a secondary meaning: since Jesus lived a sinless life, He is declared by Peter to be the Just-one, the Righteous-One, and the One who is altogether innocent. Collectively, this is again a high and preeminent title of supreme rank.

Peter applied this title to Jesus Christ within the context of Jesus being denied and rejected by the rulers of Israel. A similar title of God is also used in a similar context of rejection:

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me. The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; but Israel does not know, My people does not consider. Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they have gone away backwards. (Isaiah 1:1-4)

"Yes, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. (Psalms 78:41)

The titles **Holy One**, and **Holy and Just One**, speak of the moral attributes of Christ: His perfect, holy, sinless life, which was required for Him to be the perfect, and holy, and unblemished atoning sacrifice offered for the forgiveness of sin, and thus eternal life, for all who put their faith in Jesus. (See Leviticus 1:1-4, 16:1-34)

## JESUS IS ...

**Holy One!**

**the Holy One of God;  
the Holy and Just One; the Holy One of Israel;**

**who gave up His life to be  
the perfect, and holy sacrifice for us,  
for the forgiveness of our sins,  
so that we who receive Him as Lord and Christ,  
might spend eternity with Him  
in His Kingdom, the Kingdom of God!**

**Hallelujah!!**

**Jesus, all praise, and Honor, and Glory, and Majesty, Be Yours forever and ever!**