

JESUS OF NAZARETH

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"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he who fears Him, and works righteousness, is accepted with Him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all; that word, I say, and you know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed **Jesus of Nazareth** with the Holy Spirit and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." (Acts 10:34-38)

Jesus: from the Greek word: **iesous** which is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua which means: "Jehovah is Salvation"

Nazareth: from the Greek word: **Nazaret** a city located in Galilee, Northern Israel, the home town of Jesus where He grew up. As it says: "And He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:23)

In the days of Jesus ministry, this title: **Jesus of Nazareth**, was commonly used by the people to distinguish Him from other contemporary persons who were also called Jesus, or Joshua in the Hebrew dialect. The name Jesus, like the name Mary, was most likely a common name in Israel in those days. Thus, this title simply means 'the Jesus who is from the city of Nazareth'. Some people used the similar meaning title: **Jesus the Nazarene**. Consider how this title of Jesus was used by different persons in the following verses:

"The next day Jesus went forth into Galilee, and found Philip, and said unto him, "Follow me". Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. And Philip found Nathanael, and said unto him, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, **Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**" And Nathanael said unto him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"" (read John 1:43-49)

"And they came to Jericho; and as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, and blind Bar-Timaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road side begging. And when he heard that it was **Jesus of Nazareth**, he began to cry out, and say, "Jesus, You Son of David, have mercy on me." And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried out a great deal more, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."" (read Mark 10:46-52)

"And when they drew near unto Jerusalem, and had come to Bethphage, near to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying unto them, "Go into the village over against you, and straightway you shall find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them, and bring them to me. And,, And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the donkey, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him upon them. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and spread them in the road. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." And when he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is **Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.**" (Matthew 21:1-11)

"....And they took Jesus, and led Him away. And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called The Place of a Skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha; where they crucified Him, and two other men with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in between. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was **JESUS THE NAZARENE - THE KING OF THE JEWS....**" (read John 19:14-22)

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"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought sweet-spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb?" But when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very large. And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were frightened. And he said unto them, "Be not afraid: you seek **Jesus of Nazareth**, who was crucified: He is risen! He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him." (Read Mark 16:1-6)

"And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about seven miles. And they talked together about all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they talked together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were being prevented from recognizing Him. And He said unto them, "What words are these that you are discussing with one another, as you walk, and are sad?" And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered said unto Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and are unaware of the things which have come to pass there in these days?" And He said unto them, "What things?" And they said unto Him, "Concerning **Jesus of Nazareth**, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people;" (Read Luke 24:13-27)

"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 through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know; Him, being delivered by the predetermined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain; and whom God has raised up, having ended the birth pains of death; because it was not possible that He should be held by it...." (Read Acts 2:22-36)

Concerning this Jesus of Nazareth:

Nathanael wondered if any good thing, especially the promised Messiah, could come out of Nazareth. But after meeting Jesus he said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

Blind Bartimaeus, who obviously had heard of this Jesus, cried out in faith saying, "Jesus, You Son of David, have mercy on me."

The multitude in Jerusalem cried out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross - JESUS THE NAZARENE - THE KING OF THE JEWS.

The angel in the tomb said to the women, "He is risen..."

The two disciples on the road to Emaus said He was "A Mighty Prophet in deed and word before God and all the people."

The apostle Peter said, "Let all the house of Israel know for certain, that God has made this same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ!"

Jesus of Nazareth is ...

**the Son of God! the King of Israel, a Mighty Prophet
both Lord & Christ; the Promised Messiah; 'Our' Risen Redeemer!**

**Born in Bethlehem; exiled in Egypt, raised in Nazareth, itinerant Messiah for three years;
and now King eternal in Heaven – Always and always – Forever and ever !!!**