

Names and Titles and Attributes of Jesus - For Kids

Associate

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"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against **the Man who is My Associate** (My Companion), says the LORD of Hosts; **strike the Shepherd**, and the sheep shall be scattered..." (see Zechariah 13:7)

An Associate, is someone who is a close companion, a close friend, a close co-worker, a close partner – someone who closely participates in a mutually shared project, job, or goal, etc...

The supreme significance of this title of Jesus, '**My Associate**', is that it is God the Father Who is calling Jesus His Associate; and in context the Father is prophetically commanding the sentence of death towards **His beloved Associate** – Jesus the Son of God!. This is and always was **an eternal understanding** between the Father and His Son Jesus!

It is the Father of Jesus, the Lord Jehovah of Hosts who said, "**Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My Associate, strike the Shepherd...**" The Father Himself issues the command to put to death His intimate Associate, His precious Companion, His Only Begotten beloved Son; the One whom He has had eternal fellowship with, and through whom He created all things!

Why did the Father do this to His beloved Son? Here is why:

"For **God so loved the world**, that **He gave His only begotten Son**, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through Him might be saved.**" (John 3:16)

Jesus Himself, during the Last Passover Supper, with His apostles, quoted in part from Zechariah 13:7:

"Then Jesus said unto them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night; for it is written, "**I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.**" (Matthew 26:31)

When the hour of His eternal destiny with the Cross arrived, His human nature said to His intimate Associate, "**Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me.**" But then His Divine nature said, "**yet not My will, but Yours be done.**" Although the agony in the garden was shared by both the Son and the Father; the Father did not remove the 'cup' of sacrificial death on the cross from His dearly beloved Son. For the joy set before Him, really Them, they both endured the agony in the garden, and the agony of scourging, and agony of the Cross, and the anguish of Separation! For then, for a moment in time eternal, the Father forsook Jesus, and severed His intimate association with His dying Son. And Jesus cried out, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**" (Matthew 27:46, Psalm 22:1) It is as it says:

"For **He (the Father) has made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us**, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

"**So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many**; and unto those who look forward to Him, He shall appear the second time without sin, **for salvation.**" (Hebrews 9:28)

Jesus is the Father's close Associate

Jesus is the Father's close and intimate Companion,
who was Crucified on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins!

The Father loved us so very much that He said,
"**Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My Associate.**"
And Jesus, for the joy of our salvation, endured the Cross and died for our sins!

Thank You Jesus for enduring the Cross!
Thank You for giving me Eternal Life with You forever!