



To Experience Salvation in Jesus, our Savior

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Call To Action: I wonder...

An Ongoing Story Of Our Need For A Savior - Exodus 14

God spoke to Moses: “Tell the Israelites to turn around and make camp, between Migdol and the sea. Then I’ll make Pharaoh’s heart stubborn again and he’ll chase after them. And I’ll use Pharaoh and his army to put my Glory on display. Then the Egyptians will realize that I am God.” And that’s what happened.

When the king of Egypt was told that the people were gone, he and his servants changed their minds. They said, “What have we done, letting Israel, our slave labor, go free?” So he had his chariots harnessed up and got his army together. He took six hundred of his best chariots, with the rest of the Egyptian chariots and their drivers coming along.

They were totally afraid. They cried out in terror to God. They told Moses, “Weren’t the cemeteries large enough in Egypt so that you had to take us out here in the wilderness to die? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Back in Egypt didn’t we tell you this would happen? Didn’t we tell you, ‘Leave us alone here in Egypt—we’re better off as slaves in Egypt than as corpses in the wilderness.’”

Moses spoke to the people: “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you’re never going to see them again. God will fight the battle for you. And you? You keep your mouths shut!”

God said to Moses: “Why cry out to me? Speak to the Israelites. Order them to get moving. Hold your staff high and stretch your hand out over the sea: Split the sea! The Israelites will walk through the sea on dry ground. The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left.

Moses stretched his hand out over the sea: As the day broke and the Egyptians were running, the sea returned to its place as before. God dumped the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. The waters returned, drowning the chariots and riders of Pharaoh’s army that had chased after Israel into the sea. Not one of them survived.

Jesus

- Named prophetically
- Common name
 - Hebrew: *Yehoshua*
 - Shortened to *Yeshua*
 - Translated *Joshua*
 - *Ya (Yahweh)*: God/Lord
 - *Hoshea*: salvation
 - **“God is salvation”**

Naming Jesus - Matthew 1:18-21

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. **And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**”

- ▶ Jesus' mission to the poor - Bring good news
- ▶ Those who are ready to receive salvation are blessed

Call To Action: *A very practical, simple way to bring good news to someone this Christmas season.*

- ▶ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- ▶ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Call To Action: *An experience I have had that I could use to comfort others.*

- ▶ Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Cor 5:17). Replacing our mindsets with what Jesus says about us:
 - ▶ "I am a loser." Replaced by "I am a victor." (Phil 4:13)
 - ▶ "I am a victim." Replaced by "I am blessed." (Jeremiah 29:11)
 - ▶ "I am abandoned." Replaced by "I am cherished." (Psalm 68:5)
 - ▶ "I am present-minded." Replaced by "I am future-minded." (Proverbs 6:6)
 - ▶ "I am about vengeance." Replaced by "I am merciful." (Ephesians 4:32)
 - ▶ "I am ashamed." Replaced by "I am proud." (Romans 8:1)

Call To Action: *A mindset I need the Savior's help in replacing.*

- ▶ Do you feel weary?
 - ▶ "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." (John 10:10)
 - ▶ To all who mourn, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. (Isaiah 61: 3)

- ▶ *Come to the Manger if you are in trouble, weary, or lost, and you need the Savior.*
- ▶ *Come to the Manger to find Jesus, the hope you are seeking.*
 - ▶ "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

Jesus, you are the hope I am seeking. I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name.

Isaiah 61:1-3
Luke 4:17-21
 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted

and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come.

TAP (Truth - Application - Prayer)

Mon - Matt 1:1-21; Tue - Matt 1:17-25; Wed - Luke 4:17-21; Thu - John 10:1-18; Fri - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9