

Theme: Jesus is the LORD Who saves, delivering His people from sin, restoring them to God's favor and blessing and drawing them close to Himself.

## I. Intro - The Power of A Name

- A. Roots - Kunta Kinte renamed Toby - refuses it
- B. Whipped until he says "My name is Toby" - tragic!
- C. A Name represents a person - it is powerful
- D. God's Name is powerful and to be held in honor
- E. Today: The Coming King is "The LORD"

## II. YHWH - God's Covenant Name

- A. The LORD - YHWH - God's Covenant Name  
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD — <sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2–3
  - 1. The Spirit of the LORD, fear of the LORD - YHWH
  - 2. This is the covenant name of God - YHWH
  - 3. This name appears 450 times in Isaiah!
  - 4. The coming King is closely associated with YHWH - anointed with His Spirit, fear of YHWH
  - 5. YHWH is Israel's Judge, Lawgiver, King, and Savior!  
For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us. Isaiah 33:22
    - a. YHWH is Israel's God, and He is the One Who will save them!

- b. YHWH is the Judge, Lawgiver, King - His rule establishes righteousness and holiness - like the Coming King in Isaiah 11!

## B. YHWH and Adonai

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel

- 1. Why O Adonai song when God's Name is YHWH?

### 2. YHWH the Unsayable Tetragrammaton

Unsayable, you chose to speak one tongue,  
Unseeable, you gave yourself away,  
The Adonai, the Tetragrammaton...

(Malcolm Guite, O Adonai)

- a. YHWH was God's holy name and Jews did not speak it so that they would not take it in vain
- b. It is known as the Tetragrammaton - four letters
- c. Whenever they read it in Scripture they read Adonai instead of YAHWEH - I was even taught this in Hebrew class
- d. Adonai is another Hebrew word meaning "my master" or "My Lord"
- e. Sometimes Adonai YHWH is used!  
The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, Isaiah 61:1
  - 1. Adonai YHWH is used 302x in OT
  - 2. First used by Abram in Genesis 15
  - 3. Isaiah has this name 26x, 2nd most in OT
- f. The Church followed this - O Adonai (not O YHWH)

### III. Adonai and the Burning Bush

#### A. The song and sonnet go to the burning bush - why?

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel,  
who appeared in the bush to Moses  
in a flame of fire and gavest him the Law of Sinai:  
Come, and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

The Adonai, the Tetragrammaton  
Grew by a wayside in the light of day...  
Touch the bare branches of our unbelief  
And blaze again like fire in every leaf.

1. Song and sonnet mainly talk about the burning bush
2. How is this related to YHWH and Isaiah's coming King?

#### B. YHWH/Adonai, the burning bush, the law, and salvation

1. At the burning bush, God gave His name as YHWH forever

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation. Exodus 3:14–15

- a. YHWH derived from Hebrew verb I AM
- b. YHWH is the Great I AM - the Ground of Being, the One Who blazes but is never consumed
- c. This was to be God's Name forever and ever
- d. This is why the Isaiah text is rooted in the Exodus text

2. YHWH is the King Who delivers His people

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — Exodus 3:7–8

- a. The LORD saw His people's suffering and promised to save them
- b. This is also how YHWH is described in Isaiah  
For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us. Isaiah 33:22
- c. This is also the promise of the Coming King in Isaiah  
The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Isaiah 61:1
  1. The coming King will be anointed by YHWH to deliver His people from prison, darkness, bondage
  2. He will bring them out just like He did from Egypt

### IV. Jesus - The LORD Who Saves

#### A. Jesus means "the LORD Who saves"

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

1. Jesus/Ἰησοῦς/ישוע all mean "YHWH saves"
2. But Jesus saves His people for He is YHWH in flesh

3. He is the LORD Who saves us!

B. Jesus came in the Spirit of the LORD to save and deliver us

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, <sup>21</sup> and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:18–21

1. The Coming King would be anointed by the Spirit of the LORD to deliver the people from bondage, oppression, and the curses of sin
2. The coming King would bring the year of the LORD’s favor - Jubilee
3. Jesus declares this was no longer a future hope - it is fulfilled in Him!

C. Jesus is I AM - YHWH/Adonai/LORD

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” John 8:58

1. Jesus claims to exist before Abraham
2. He claims to be I AM - YHWH/Adonai!
3. There are 7 great I AM sayings in John’s Gospel
4. I did a series on these in 2016 if you are interested
5. In Christ, the Unspeakable Name is now spoken, the Unseeable God has taken human form for our salvation!

6. Jesus is not just a representative of YHWH - He is One with YHWH in His very Being!

7. Jesus does not just announce deliverance - He IS our deliverance

8. Jesus does not just announce restoration and Jubilee - He IS restoration and Jubilee!

## V. Applying the Word

A. Am I part of God’s people?

1. Jesus delivers His people, not those who reject Him
  - a. The LORD must be Judge, Lawgiver, and King to save (Isaiah 33:22)
  - b. Jesus saves His people from their sin (Matt 1:21)
  - c. He is the Leader and deliverer of Israel  
O Adonai, and **Leader of the house of Israel**, who appeared in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire and gavest him the Law of Sinai:  
**Come, and deliver us with an outstretched arm.**

2. Have you ever responded to the Gospel?

3. Embrace Him today as LORD, Lawgiver, Deliverer!

B. Am I drawing close to Christ daily?

1. Often we want to keep Him at arm’s length!
2. Moses came to the bush - and then tried to avoid the call!
3. Israel asked Moses to go to God for them!
4. But salvation, deliverance, blessing, and joy are not just external experiences - they are summed up in Jesus Himself!

5. Deliverance, freedom, and joy can not be brought to us by someone else; they must be found in a daily, personal, growing relationship with Jesus.
6. We can't have someone else download deliverance, joy, and freedom for us!
7. But God wants face to face relationship with us!  
O you who dared to be a tribal God,  
To own a language, people and a place,  
Who chose to be exploited and betrayed,  
If so you might be met with face to face,
8. We often avoid being face to face with God (Guite)  
Come to us here, who would not find you there,  
Who chose to know the skin and not the pith,  
Who heard no more than thunder in the air,  
Who marked the mere events and not the myth.
  - a. We try to avoid God, but He keeps coming to us
  - b. We try to remain superficial rather than pressing in
  - c. We stick to bare facts and miss the deeper meaning and reality
9. We need to cry out for God to light the fire again  
Touch the bare branches of our unbelief  
And blaze again like fire in every leaf.
  - a. For some, the fire of passion for God grows dim
  - b. We need God to blaze again in us!
  - c. We need to be like the bush - alive with the flame of God's Presence, burning but never consumed!
10. Am I willing to hear God's voice and to draw near to Him?

C. A prayer for salvation and renewal

## The LORD Who Saves (O Adonai)

Isaiah 11:1-5; 33:22

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Prayer

Numbers 6:24-26

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The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord — <sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. Isaiah 11:1–5

For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us. Isaiah 33:22