



The Holiness of God—Parts 9 & 10
Holy Name & Holy Mission: Jesus
From Sermons 10.16 & 10.23.22

Part I—Read *Exodus 3:13-14*

Overview of “Holy Name” sermon: The very Name of God is no small thing. It conveys His nature, character, and essence. When He revealed His Name to Moses, it also came with Commandments regarding its use. The Jews held God’s Name is such reverence (fear) that they wouldn’t even say it. Later, Jesus taught that believers could call God Father, Lord, and Jesus. Today, our culture has made God’s Name a curse word.

1. How did the ancient Jews get around the speaking of God’s Name (I AM/Yahweh)? The took the consonants from Yahweh and the vowels from Adonai (Lord) and came up with “Jehovah”.
2. Read *Matthew 6:9*. What does “hallowed” mean? Holy—set apart—sanctified. It already is, naturally. Praying this doesn’t assign or increase holiness. It only recognizes it.
- 2b. Why would Jesus have us start our prayers with this term/posture? The Name conveys God’s character. His is sovereign, pure, and King. It points, again, to our utter unworthiness = God’s grace to adopt us as sons and daughters who can now make petitions/prays to the king.
3. What does “Jesus” mean and what title did He clearly claim in His earthly ministry? Jesus = Jehovah saves. It is the Old Testament name “Joshua”. Jesus claimed to be the great I AM. The very one who spoke to Moses and previously made the covenant with Abraham. Jesus claimed to be God. See *John 8:58-59*

Part II—Read *Isaiah 53:5-7*

Overview of Sunday’s sermon: Jesus came to earth as the God-man to solve one main eternal issue: reconciling holy God with sinful man. Only He could do this and it was never plan B.

4. Read *1 Peter 1:20*. When was the mission planned? Before the foundation of the world
5. We’ve already seen and studied that the world/culture get Jesus’ identity wrong. What are their misguided beliefs about His mission? He didn’t really have one. He was just a misunderstood teacher. He was never trying to change anything; just get people to be nicer, take care of the oppressed, or drop divisive doctrine. World peace. Equity.
6. From Sunday’s sermon, what was Jesus’ clear, main, and divine mission? To live the perfect law-abiding life we could never live. Go to Calvary’s cross on behalf the elect. Pay the full price for all their sin. Rise on the third day to evidence God’s satisfaction with the offering and justify those He would call.
7. How does the both the “religious” and secular world view that mission? Absurd. Foolish. The hero doesn’t die—certainly doesn’t willfully die. He must be a victim/martyr. The Jews were looking for a Messiah King. Jesus’ death on a cross (tree) is disgraceful. See also *Galatians 3:13* & *1 Corinthians 1:23-24*
8. What example does Jesus set for us in the fulfilling of His mission? Our reward is later. We must be faithful and, when we are, there will always be a price. He will be our strength and hope.