

# Matthew 1:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

## Analysis

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The name 'Jesus' (Hebrew: Yeshua) means 'Yahweh saves,' directly stating His mission. The phrase 'he shall save his people from their sins' defines salvation not as political deliverance but spiritual redemption. This is the first explicit statement in Matthew that the Messiah came to deal with sin—the root problem of humanity.

## Historical Context

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First-century Jews expected a military messiah to overthrow Rome. Matthew immediately redefines messianic expectations by focusing on spiritual salvation. The angel's words echo Psalm 130:8 about God redeeming Israel from all iniquities.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding Jesus' name and mission deepen your appreciation for His work?
2. In what areas of your life do you need Jesus to save you from sin's power?

## Interlinear Text

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τέξεται	δὲ	υἱὸν	καὶ	καλέσεις	τὸ	ὄνομα	αὐτῶν
she shall bring forth	And	a son	and	thou shalt call	G3588	name	his
G5088	G1161	G5207	G2532	G2564		G3686	G846
'Ιησοῦν·	αὐτῶν	γὰρ	σώσει	τὸν	λαὸν	αὐτῶν	ἀπὸ
JESUS	his	for	he shall save	G3588	people	his	from
G2424	G846	G1063	G4982		G2992	G846	G575
ἀμαρτιῶν	αὐτῶν						
sins	his						
G266	G846						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 13:23** (Salvation): Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

**Acts 4:12** (Salvation): Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**John 1:29** (Sin): The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**1 John 3:5** (Sin): And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

**Luke 2:21** (Sin): And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Acts 5:31** (Salvation): Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

**Luke 1:31** (References Jesus): And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

**Titus 2:14** (Sin): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**Luke 2:11** (Salvation): For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**Zechariah 9:9** (Salvation): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

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