

# **CUTTING THROUGH THE NOISE**

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Jesus came in the days of:

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## **How Does Jesus Save Me?**

1. Jesus gives me \_\_\_\_\_

I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins. Hebrews 8:12 (NLT)

2. Jesus gives me \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

3. Jesus turns my \_\_\_\_\_

My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

4. Jesus gives me \_\_\_\_\_

We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us... [and on] him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us." 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (NIV)

The most important word of all is \_\_\_\_\_

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13 (NKJV)

To "call on the name of the Lord" means to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ His name
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He is able to save completely those who come to God through him. Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

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Jesus came in the days of:

- Oppression
- Despair
- Silence

## **How Does Jesus Save Me?**

### 1. Jesus gives me a fresh start with God

I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins. Hebrews 8:12 (NLT)

### 2. Jesus gives me room to breathe

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### 3. Jesus turns my scarcity into sufficiency

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### 4. Jesus gives me freedom from distress

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- Summon His name
- Send His name

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Talk-it-Over Notes | December 23-24, 2022

### REVIEW IT

Do you need to hear from God? Does God need to hear from you? For example, do you want to hear words of forgiveness, or peace, or love, or hope? God didn't send Jesus to us as a concept or as an angel – Jesus came to us in flesh as a human, as one of us. Jesus came to give all of us the life God always wanted his people to have. The prophecy about Jesus in Isaiah 7:14 said that he “shall be called Immanuel,” which means “God is with us.” At the time Jesus was born, Israel was in the midst of suffering oppression, despair, and silence from God. Through Jesus, God became one of his people. The name “Jesus” is the most important word of all! Jesus saves us by giving us a fresh start with God, room to breathe, sufficiency in place of scarcity, and freedom from distress. Let Jesus' name ring out!

Spend some time in the word... **Read Hebrews 2:5-18**

### TALK ABOUT IT

- Can you think of a story from the Old Testament when God helped someone out of oppression, scarcity, despair, or feelings of abandonment.
- Jesus provides a fresh start with God when we accept him as our savior. Our sins are forgiven and forgotten. Can you think of a New Testament story of Jesus providing a new start for someone?
- “Jesus turns my scarcity into sufficiency.” What is an example of physical, emotional, or spiritual resources being depleted and how can God turn that scarcity into strength and sufficiency?

### ACT ON IT

What What outcomes have you or someone you know experienced after calling on the name of Jesus? As you go to prayer, speak Jesus' name over the circumstances and people in your life.

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Then, close praying for one another.

Pray: Father in heaven, we thank you for sending Jesus, our Savior, to dwell among us and save us from sin. Jesus, you came that we may have life in all its fullness, to provide rest for the weary, and turn our scarcity into sufficiency. We ask you to help us let go of our brokenness and hold onto your strength. Holy Spirit, teach us to call on the name of Jesus in all circumstances. Remind us to summon his name, calling him into our presence, and to send his name into whatever situation we face.