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> THE MISSION OF CHRISTMAS **IS IN A NAME - JESUS**

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

The name Jesus is a transliteration of the Hebrew name Joshua, which means "Jehovah saves." His very name, Jesus, tell us of the mission upon which He came from heaven to earth – to save His people from their sins.

Jesus is our Lord's intensely personal name. Have you noticed how difficult it is for some people to say this name, Jesus? They find it much easier to refer to Him as God or Lord or Christ or "the man upstairs." But there is something about speaking the name Jesus. Say it now. Out loud. Jesus is His most personal name, and only those who truly know Him in the free pardoning of their sin find it easy to speak His name.

He came to save you from your sins. Open your heart to Him. He said, "I came to seek and to save those who were lost" (Luke 19:10, author's paraphrase). AMEN.

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"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

