Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present (1 Cor 5:4).

And that is what some of you were. But were you washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Cor 6:11).

always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:20).

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth (Phil 2:10).

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Col 3:17).

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Th 1:12).

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us (2 Th 3:6).

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name (Heb 13:15).

And this is his commandment: believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he commanded us (1 John 3:23).

To the millions of people that have been saved, healed and delivered from sin, sickness and demons because of the precious name of Jesus these aforementioned types of attacks on the Savior's name are most disturbing. I for one of the precious name of Jesus these aforementioned types of healing and delivered from sin, sickness and demons because Jesus is the only name in which salvation is found. Jesus is not being used for the sake of (antitorah, antijewish) tradition.

There is no emphasis in the Bible to restore to the Savior His Jewish identity.

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Yeshua
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approximately 20 years ago, I first started to notice the word Yeshua being used in place of the name Jesus.

As far as I can remember, back then, I had never heard anyone using the Hebrew word, Yeshua, even suggest that Jesus is not correct. They used these as though they were both equally correct to identify Messiah, the Savior from Nazareth. That seemingly equal status, however, that I thought existed has drastically changed over the years as the following emails we have received will prove. Furthermore, the same type of materials are found on the world wide web and therefore there is much misinformation being circulated about the term Yeshua, as well as the precious holy saving name of Jesus. Please notice the following:

Good to hear from you, and hopefully you are reading and learning the Hebraic ways of God. Yeshua is the recognized Hebraic name for the one who never left Israel, or even taught outside of his land of birth. “Jesus,” is of Greek origin, and in actuality derived from the pagan source of Ius.

Instead of the false name “Jesus,” which evidence suggests has pagan origins, I use Messiah’s actual Hebrew name, Yeshua’Yahshua (Yay-shoo-ah or Yah-shoo-ah).

The name of Messiah is a separate issue, since we know FOR CERTAIN that his name is NOT “Jesus”; thus, a false name for Messiah is DEFINITELY being knowingly promoted. I use “Yeshua” Yel’Yahshua interchangeably (capital emphasis in original).

If we read no further, it should now be apparent that at least some of the people who use Yeshua look down on, to say the least, the usage of Jesus. To them it has pagan roots and is a false name! To such Jesus is not Messiah!

Next we have the following question and supplied answer from the web:

Question: Where did the name “Jesus” come from if his real name is Yeshua?

[Answer] The Bible was not written in English. What we read in English is indirectly translated from other languages. The “New Testament” was written in Greek. Hence, the name “Jesus” is found nowhere in the Scriptures - it is a translation of the Greek name “Iesous” (pronounced “[ee]yeh-sooce”). “Iesous” came over into the Latin “Jesus” (pronounced “yeh-soor”) and finally into English as “Jesus.” So in the most technical sense, saying “Jesus” is saying a twice-removed translation of the name we find in the “New Testament” Scriptures.

Anyone with even a most basic understanding of the New Testament would know that the original language was not translated into English at once. The New Testament was translated directly from the Hebrew and Aramaic. Hence, our English NT translation is not a twice-removed translation of the name or anything else. The same source went on and wrote about what they call the evolution of the name of Jesus from Hebrew to Greek to Latin to English. Sometimes ridiculous, like that statement, is found on the web, so beware dear reader. It seems that these present-day Yeshua people are similar to Paul before he became a Christian, who stated that at that time he was convinced to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 26:9).

Shockingly, on one of these Yeshua sites, the following is given for Matt. 1:20,21, but without mentioning what version:

Yosef (Joseph), son of David, do not be afraid to take Miryam home with you as your wife; for what has been concealed in her is from the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). She will give birth to a son and you are to name him Yeshua because he will save his people from their sins. Mattityahu (Matthew) 1:20b-21

Notice that Yeshua was used in the place of Jesus! How could these Messianic people possibly hate the name of Jesus is amazing.

The following is from another email:

I would very much like to use your article entitled ... on my web site. However, I would like to change Jesus to Yeshua and Christ to Messiah in it. I am American trying to reach my people, and the Greek name turns them off because of all the evil done in our Saviour’s name. I will not change anything else, just the names. If this will be ok with you please let me know? It’s a great article, thank you.

I wrote that person back about some of the things Yeshua people have written to us. Her response follows:

You are surely right about many messianics who think the name of Jesus is wrong, but we do not believe this, nor do we teach this junk. Jesus was a Jew, and as a Jew his name was a Hebrew name. I am sure His mother Mariam (Mary) never called her son by a Greek name, it was Yahshua, which – Yeshua (meaning: Salvation - God Saves). Even Simeon understood his name by his statement; “For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation.” I pray [sic] in the name of Jesus or Yeshua, it makes no difference [to] God, it means the same thing. One in Greek and the other in Hebrew. All I am trying to do is get my Yeshua people to use the original.
Then we received this email too:

Jesus or Yeshua, it makes no difference to God, it means the same thing.

So I wrote her back and said if they mean the same thing, then use Jesus as the article already reads. This caused her to lose interest. Did you notice what else she wrote:

...a name that been used by boastful christians to kill them [the Jews].

She was probably referring to what happened when the Jews were persecuted and killed during the time of Constantine in the fourth century, which is not relevant.

Not only is Jesus now called a false messiah, but it is supposed to be for anti-jewish tradition! So this whole Yeshua thing is getting further and further from the truth. He went on to write:

“Jesus” is NOT a [sic] english translation of the hebrew name Yeshua; it’s A BRAND NEW NAME (early pronounced “Yesosus,” a false name with roots in greek-hellenistic Paganism!!!) This FALSITY OF “JESUS” AS THE NAME OF THE MESSIAH can be proved from the New Testament ...

...capital emphasis his.

The Angel of Yahweh commanded Joseph to name him Jews they themselves are special people in God’s sight. In contrast, God wants all to know the following:

A man is not a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision, which is natural, is that of the heart, not that of the flesh which is cut in the flesh of your body. For they seek to be justified by the flesh, yet do not obey the law of God; they are God’s enemies by their very action. For “circumcision is that of the heart, and not that of the flesh; and the circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the law.” Romans 2:29, 30. 

...capital emphasis his.

...the biblical name of the biblical messiah is Yeshua not Jesus.

The name Yeshua is used throughout the Bible in the original Hebrew language. It means “salvation” or “rescue.” It is the name by which Jesus is called in the New Testament.

But what does Jesus’ Jewish identity have to do with anything? This is never magnified in the New Testament. Jesus is the Savior of all who repent and submit humbly to his grace. 

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We Call Him Yeshua

One of the aspects of Messianic Judaism that stands out the most is the fact we usually refer to the Messiah as Yeshua instead of Jesus. Here is why.

Messianic Jews tend to refer to Messiah as Yeshua. Why do we do this? To put it simply, in calling Him Yeshua we are restoring to Him His Jewish identity. Yeshua was and is the name He was called when He walked on this Earth.

But what does Jesus’ Jewish identity have to do with anything? This is never magnified in the New Testament. Jesus is the Savior of all who repent and submit humbly to his grace. Romans 8:34. Who is the one who condemns? Yeshua Ha Mashiahu! He who died, yes rather who was raised, who is as the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Yeshua people are trying to build a case with no proof from the New Testament. Again, the New Testament was not written in Hebrew or Greek and translated directly into English for our English speaking society to read. So Almighty God wanted the known Greek speaking inhabited world at that time of the first century to know the name of Messiah, which brings salvation, healing and power over demons, to be the “true” Messiah of Christianity ever written produced, who also happened to be of Hebrew descent. 

Moreover, consider what John the Baptist said to Jewish people in his day who thought they were special because of their nationality:

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