

If what we believe about the Gospel & Kingdom of God informs how we think about life, family, church, work, money, politics, hobbies, then nothing from history & nothing presently escapes God's story of salvation.

Have you ever tried to define salvation?

- In turning salvation into principles and moral codes, we fill our minds with fantasies and ideas that doesn't do it justice. Salvation is not simply a last-ditch effort to salvage people like they were a pile of wood.
- Trusting in Jesus is simple. But the whole story of Salvation is far greater! And it begins with our utter incompetence to save ourselves. God's story of salvation is Jesus saves. We had nothing to do with it. But in God's grace, we can be participants.

The story of salvation is found in:

1. Silence and setback
Exodus 1: 8-14 – God was silent for 430 years
 - You're not the first person to feel that God has been absent. God is never absent. He is sometimes silent. Sometimes we need that feeling so we will undoubtedly be aware of His Presence when He makes Himself known.
2. Sovereignty
Exodus 3 – Moses and the burning bush
 - Moses asks God "Who shall I say sent me?" God answers "I AM THAT I AM."

I AM THAT I AM. Abbreviated form of Yahweh YHWH. This phrase has been studied and meditated on to define it with little result. God cannot be defined!

1. "I am the bread of life." ([John 6:35, 41, 48, 51](#))
As bread sustains physical life, so Christ offers and sustains spiritual life.
2. "I am the light of the world." ([John 8:12](#))
To a world lost in darkness, Christ offers Himself as a guide.
3. "I am the door of the sheep." ([John 10:7,9](#))
Jesus protects His followers as shepherds protect their flocks from predators.
4. "I am the resurrection and the life." ([John 11:25](#))
Death is not the final word for those in Christ.
5. "I am the good shepherd." ([John 10:11, 14](#))
Jesus is committed to caring and watching over those who are His.
6. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." ([John 14:6](#))
Jesus is the source of all truth and knowledge about God.
7. "I am the true vine." ([John 15:1, 5](#)) By attached ourselves to Christ, we enable His life to flow in and through us. Then we cannot help but bear fruit that will honor the Father.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's Godness. Power. Kingship.
There is no life apart from Him.