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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (50)
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #41
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Objection #41: According to Isaiah 43:11, God alone is our Savior. We don't need or recognize any other saviors.

Isaiah 43:11 "I, even I, am the LORD; And there is no savior besides Me.

Brown's short response to this objection:

Isaiah 43:11 is written with reference to other "gods," and it teaches emphatically that the Jewish people will not be saved by any other so-called god or deliverer. This is clear. It is also clear that God saves through whom he will so save—whether it be early deliverers (such as kings or warriors), angelic messengers, or the Messiah.¹

Brown also notes in his longer discussion: "The answer to this objection is self-evident if we consult a Hebrew concordance, since the word *moshi'a* (savior) occurs more than thirty times in the Bible, almost every time with reference to someone *other than* Yahweh. . . . The simple point is this: God, the only Savior, uses whom he will to deliver his people, and both traditional Judaism and the New Testament recognized that the Messiah would be the Lord's appointed Savior par excellence."

It is also worthy to note that Isaiah 45:21-23 tells us—several times!—that there is no other God but the one God and there will come a time when every knee will bow to His name. This passage is applied to none other than Jesus Christ in Philippians 2:9-11. Jesus is God—not another god! There is but one God.

¹Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections—Volume 2*, (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 59-60. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response that is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

Isaiah 45:21 . . . And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. ²² "Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear *allegiance*.

Philippians 2:9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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