

# The Christ

Part One

# The Christ, Then

- First century Jews knew about and were eagerly expecting the Christ
- They needed to be shown that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ
- Then they were ready to do whatever He required

# The Christ, Now

- Now nearly everybody thinks of Jesus as the Christ
- But people really have to be convinced to do whatever he requires
- **PROBLEM:** We know who Jesus is, but we don't know what it means that He is the Christ

# Christ / christos / messiah

- Something spreadable or smeared on; an ointment
- Anointed
- Anointed one

# Old Testament Anointing

- A common use

## Exodus 30:22–25 (NKJV)

Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: **23** “Also take for yourself ... liquid myrrh, ... sweet-smelling cinnamon, ... sweet-smelling cane, **24** ... cassia, ..., and a hin of olive oil. **25** And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil.

## Exodus 30:26–29 (NKJV)

**26** With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; **27** the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; **28** the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. **29** You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy.

# Old Testament Anointing

- A Common use
- Anointing for Office
  - Anointing of kings

# 1 Samuel 9:27–10:1 (NKJV)

As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to go on ahead of us.” And he went on. “But you stand here awhile, that I may announce to you the word of God.” **1** Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: “Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance?”

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## Exodus 29:7–9, 21 (NKJV)

And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him. ... **9** And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons ...The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.... **21** And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

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  - Anointing of prophets

# 1 Kings 19:15–16 (NKJV)

Then the LORD said to him: “Go, ... anoint Hazael as king over Syria. **16** Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

# Isaiah 61:1(NKJV)

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound

# Anointed One / Christ / Messiah

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  - Kings – 1 Sam. 24:6; 2 Sam. 19:21

# 1 Samuel 24:6–7 (NKJV)

**6** And he said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.” **7** So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.

## 2 Samuel 1:14–16 (NKJV)

So David said to him, “How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the LORD’s anointed?” **15** Then David called one of the young men and said, “Go near, and execute him!” And he struck him so that he died. **16** So David said to him, “Your blood is on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the LORD’s anointed.’ ”

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## Leviticus 6:19–22 (NKJV)

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **20** “This is the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to the LORD, beginning on the day when he is anointed: ... a daily grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night. **21** ... you shall offer for a sweet aroma to the LORD. **22** The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. It is a statute forever to the LORD. It shall be wholly burned.

# Numbers 16:39–40 (NKJV)

So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burned up had presented, and they were hammered out as a covering on the altar, **40** to be a memorial to the children of Israel that **no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the LORD**, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as the LORD had said to him through Moses.

## 2 Chronicles 26:16–19 (NKJV)

**16** [King Uzziah] transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. **17** So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men. **18** And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God.” **19** Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

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## Psalm 105:13–15 (NKJV)

When they went from one nation to another, From one kingdom to another people, **14** He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes, **15** Saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm.”

## 2 Chronicles 25:16 (NKJV)

So it was, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, “Have we made you the king’s counselor? Cease! Why should you be killed?” Then the prophet ceased, and said, “I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this and have not heeded my advice.”

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## Isaiah 33:22 (NKJV)

For the LORD is our Judge,  
The LORD is our Lawgiver,  
The LORD is our King;  
He will save us;

# The Coming Anointed Ones

- The Prophet

# Deuteronomy 18:17–19 (NKJV)

“And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. **18** I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. **19** And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

# The Coming Anointed Ones

- The Prophet
- David's royal heirs

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**Psalm 18:50** - Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

**Psalm 132:10** - For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.

# The Coming Anointed Ones

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- Cyrus

# Isaiah 44:24–45:4 (NKJV)

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; .... **26** ...Who says to Jerusalem, ‘You shall be inhabited,’ To the cities of Judah, ‘You shall be built,’ And I will raise up her waste places; ... **28** Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, “You shall be built,” And to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.”

# Isaiah 44:24–45:4 (NKJV)

**1** “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held— To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, ... That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel. **4** For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

# The Coming Anointed Ones

- The Prophet
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- The Most Holy Messiah-Prince

## Daniel 9:24–27 (NKJV)

“Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. **25** “Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

## Daniel 9:24–27 (NKJV)

**26** “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. **27** Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

# The Coming Anointed Ones

- The Prophet
- David's royal heirs
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- The Most Holy Messiah-Prince
- The Priest-King

## Zechariah 6:11–13 (NKJV)

Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. **12** Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; **13** Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ’

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