

The Christ

Part Two

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
- Something anointed
- Anointed one

Old Testament Anointing

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

Anointed One / Christ / Messiah

- Because they had been anointed by God, these individuals were called “the anointed”
- All must respect and submit to them in their roles
 - Kings – 1 Sam. 24:6; 2 Sam. 19:21
 - Priests – Lev. 6:19-22
 - Prophets – Ps. 105:14-15
- Each represented an aspect of God’s total authority over His people – Is. 33:22

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
- 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
- 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.” ’

Psalm 110:1-4 (NKJV)

The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ... **4** The LORD has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Jesus, The Christ

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Luke 2:8–11 (NKJV) — 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. **10** Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord**.”

Matthew 26:63–68 (NKJV)

But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are **the Christ**, the Son of God!” **64** Jesus said to him, “**It is as you said**. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Matthew 26:63–68 (NKJV)

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! **66** What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.” **67** Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, **68** saying, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”

Acts 17:1–3 (NKJV)

Now ... they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.”

Jesus, The Christ

Combines all three anointed roles in Himself

- He is the prophet of Deuteronomy 18

Luke 4:16–22 (NKJV)

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. **17** And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **18** “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; **19** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

Luke 4:16–22 (NKJV)

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” **22** So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Acts 3:19–23 (NKJV)

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, **20** and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **21** whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:19–23 (NKJV)

22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. **23** And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’

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- He is the Most Holy Prince of Daniel 9

Acts 2:32–36 (NKJV)

This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. **33** Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. **34** “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, **35** Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’ **36** “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Philippians 2:8–11 (NKJV)

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **9** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those 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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- He is the prophet of Deuteronomy 18
- He is the Most Holy Prince of Daniel 9
- He is the Priest-King of Zechariah 6 and Psalm 110

Jesus, the Anointed One / Christ / Messiah

- Because He has been anointed by God, He is “the anointed”
- All must respect and submit to Him in His roles
 - King
 - Priest
 - Prophet
- Jesus is the executor of God’s total authority over His people

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Amen.