

## Introduction

*“How do we know that Jesus is who He said He is?”* How do we know that Jesus was and is the Messiah or the Christ? And what is significance of that? (i.e. What does it even mean to say that Jesus is the Messiah or the Christ?)

### I. LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THAT TITLE, “MESSIAH”.

The word, or we should say the title *“Messiah”* comes from the Hebrew word which means *“Anointed One”*.

**It is one of the prophetic names or titles for Jesus.**

The word or title *“Christ”* comes from the Greek word which means *“Anointed One.”*

In the Biblical times of the Old Testament, **there was an outward act of anointing for those who became prophets, priests, and kings.**

These acts of anointing were outward pictures of the gifts of the Holy Spirit being conferred on those who were anointed to fulfill the tasks they were called to. **So this title is well suited to the One who holds all those offices!**

So, understand that whether we say that *“Jesus is the Messiah”* or *“Jesus is the Christ”* or even *“Jesus is the Anointed One”* we are speaking of the same thing! These terms are interchangeable!

**Centuries ago prophets spoke of this coming great leader!**

**He would be sent by God** and therefore, He would be called **God’s Anointed One, or the Messiah!**

*Psalms 2:2–“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed...”*

*(Isaiah 11:1-5; 42:1-7; 61:1-3; Daniel 9:25-26; John 4:25-26)*

**Jesus, Who was and is Anointed by the Spirit of God and claimed to be the One revealed by God as the Messiah and as the Lord and Saviour of the World!**

**But how can we know that for sure that He was and is THE ANOINTED ONE? After all, the Jews of our day are still looking for the Messiah. Did they miss Him or did we?**

### II. LET’S SEE THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS’ DESCRIPTION OF MESSIAH.

There are at least six descriptions of Messiah in the Old Testament that can help us identify Him:

#### A. Messiah Had To Be Of The Seed Of Abraham.

Moses recorded the *Abrahamic Covenant* in *Genesis 12*, which is the unconditional promise of God to Abraham when He called him to leave where he was and go to a land God would show him. Part of that covenant said in *Genesis 12:3*:

*“...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”*

Then the LORD pinpointed that more precisely in *Genesis 22*! *Genesis 22:18–“In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.”*

So, the provisions of the Abrahamic Covenant promised Abraham a particular kind of seed among some other things!

Jesus’ earthly (legal) lineage, as we saw Sunday evening, **was through the Abrahamic line!** (*Matthew 1:1-2*)

#### B. Messiah Had To Be Of The Tribe Of Judah.

When Jacob was dying, he said to his son Judah in: *Genesis 49:10–“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”*

Jesus’ earthly (legal) lineage, as we also saw Sunday evening, **was through the tribe of Judah!** (*Matthew 1:1-17*)

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**C. Messiah Had To Be Of The House Of David.**

Not only does Messiah fulfill the provisions of the Abrahamic Covenant, but He fulfills the provisions of another unconditional covenant, the Davidic Covenant!

**(2 Samuel 7:1-16)**

*2 Samuel 7:16 And thine **house** and thy **kingdom** shall be established for ever before thee: thy **throne** shall be established for ever.*

In Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah we read in **Isaiah 9:6-7** —  
“6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Jesus' earthly (legal) lineage, as we also saw Sunday evening, **was through King David!** (*Matthew 1:1-17*)

Also, have you ever noticed the particular greeting the Angel of the Lord greeted Joseph with in **Matthew 1:20**? The angel addresses him as, “**Joseph, thou son of David.**”

**D. Messiah Had To Be Born Of A Virgin.**

*Isaiah 7:14—“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

*Luke 1:31-35*

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*Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, **she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.***

*Matthew 1:20 “...Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”*

**E. Messiah Had To Be Born In Bethlehem.**

*Micah 5:2—“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”*

With Jesus' earthly parents being from Nazareth how was that to be accomplished? (**Luke 2:1-7**)

**F. Messiah Must Be God In The Flesh.**

*Isaiah clearly stated that when he wrote in **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

*(Cf. Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.)*

*Isaiah 9:6 – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God,** The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

**III. LET'S NOTICE THE DECLARATION OF MESSIAH.**

About two thousand years ago, a Child was born in the town of Bethlehem. He was the seed of Abraham, He was of the tribe of Judah, He was of the house of David, and His mother was a virgin.

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He proved Himself to be God in the flesh! The Messiah has come!

**Who is this Messiah? He was and is the only One Who meets all the requirements of God's Word!**

**A. Jesus Came In A Remarkable Way!**  
*(Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25)*

**B. Jesus Lived A Remarkable Life!**

**1. He Performed Remarkable Miracles!**

*Matthew 4:23-24 "23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."*

He restored sight to the blind; He healed crippled limbs; He healed all manner of diseases; He even raised the dead!

**2. He Preached And Taught Remarkable Truths!**  
*(Luke 2:47; 4:22)*

*Luke 2:47 "And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."*

*Luke 4:22 "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"*

He astounded the Jewish leaders of His time by His insight, wisdom, and teaching.

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By both His works and His words He proved Himself to be God's Anointed One!

**C. Jesus Made Some Remarkable Claims!**

*John 2:19—"Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*

*John 3:5—"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."*

*John 8:58—"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."*

*John 10:30—"I and my Father are one."*

*John 11:25-26—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."*

*John 14:6—"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

**D. Jesus Died A Remarkable Death!**

According to the predetermined plan of God, Jesus gave Himself as God's Passover Lamb! Jesus died for the atonement of the sins of the whole world.

He is the Suffering Servant that the Prophet Isaiah described in: *Isaiah 53:3-6—"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."*

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*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

**Jesus, the Redeemer, the Suffering Servant of God, died on the cruel cross of Calvary for the sins of the world and was buried. On the third day He rose from the dead! By the resurrection, God clearly demonstrated that Jesus is the Messiah!** *Romans 1:1-4–“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”*

**After His resurrection, He appeared before hundreds of eyewitnesses!** *1 Corinthians 15:1-8–“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.”*

**JESUS IS THE MESSIAH!–BELIEVE IT AND THEN  
SHARE IT!!!**