

Christ the Anointed, the Messiah

Christ which means 'anointed' in the Greek and "Messiah" in the Hebrew is the official title of our Lord and occurs five hundred and fourteen times in the New Testament. It denotes that he was anointed or consecrated to his great redemptive work as Prophet, Priest, and King of his people who believe in him. (Easton)

Jesus is Prophet, Priest, and King

Acts 17:2-4 "As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. " This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women."

Acts 18 1-5 "When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ."

Jesus is the Anointed One

Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound"

Daniel 9:24-26 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.'

Jesus is "the rod out of the stem of Jesse,"

Isaiah 11:1 "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit."

Isaiah 11:10 "In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious."

Jesus is "Immanuel, the virgin's son"

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Jesus is "the branch and messenger of Jehovah"

Isaiah 4:2 "In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel."

Mal 3:1 "See, I will send my messenger (John the Baptist), who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

This is he "of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write. The Old Testament Scripture is full of prophetic declarations regarding the Great Deliverer and the work he was to accomplish. (Easton)

Jesus is the Great Deliverer, the Anointed One, divinely appointed, commissioned, and accredited as the Saviour of men.

Isa 11:2-4 "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear (*reverence*) of the LORD"

Isa 49:6 "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

John 5:37. "And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form"

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know."

To believe that "Jesus is the Christ" is to believe that he is the Anointed, the Messiah of the prophets, the Saviour sent of God, that he was, in a word, what he claimed to be. This is to believe the gospel, by the faith of which alone men can be brought unto God. That Jesus is the Christ is the testimony of God, and the faith of this constitutes a Christian. (Easton)

Act_2:36 "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

1 John 5:1 "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God"

Just so that we can be sure who Jesus is, he is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament about whom Isaiah wrote "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (God with us)." Isa 7:14 This is confirmed in Mat 1:23 where we read, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

The Apostle Paul wrote, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh . . ." I Tim 3:16.

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" Phi 2:8

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the "firstborn" of all creation. The Greek word for "first-born" is "prototokos" which means eternal preexistence (it never means created). Col. 1:15