

Yahweh's Christ, Judah's Son

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and he [the Christ] shall reign forever and ever." Rev 11:15

The truth that Yahweh has a Christ, a Messiah, an Anointed (One), as seen in Luke 2:26, Acts 3:18, 4:26, and Revelation 11:15, 12:10, is first revealed in Psalm 2:2. It reads, "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against Yahweh and against His Anointed" (LSB). The title Christ, as in "Jesus, the Christ" (Mat 16:16), is the Greek word for the Hebrew transliteration *māshīāh* (literally, anointed) or messiah – the one anointed by oil. The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the messiah as "the expected king and deliverer of the Jews."¹ He was "expected" because of OT prophecies, like Daniel 9:25-26, and a "king" because of prophecies like Genesis 49:10, Numbers 24:17, and Psalm 2:6. The Jews expected a deliverer because of bondage they had experienced since the end of the Davidic dynasty. Jesus is the deliverer. **Jesus** means Yahweh saves – He will save His people from their sins (Mat 1:21). He is the offspring of Mary, who fulfilled the Genesis 3:15 promise. He is the offspring of Abraham (Gal 3:16) and the lion of the tribe of Judah (Gen 49:9-10, Rev 5:5). Jesus is **IMMANUEL**, "which translated means 'GOD WITH US'" (Mat 1:23, LSB).

Prophets, priests, and kings were anointed when they assumed their roles in the kingdom of Israel. Aaron, the first high priest of Israel, was anointed with oil in Exodus 29:7. Oil was used to consecrate things for Yahweh in the OT. Saul was the first king of Israel, anointed by the prophet Samuel (1Sa 15:1). In 2 Samuel 2, the men of Judah anointed David as king of Judah. Then, ten chapters later, the prophet Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel, and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul'" (2Sa 12:7, LSB). Finally, in 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elisha is anointed.

Person	Anointed as a
Deity	Prophet (Teacher, Rabbi)
Humanity	Priest (Savior, Lamb of God)
	King (Lord, Master, Owner)

Jesus is anointed not with oil but with the Holy Spirit (Isa 61:1, Luke 4:18, Acts 10:38). Jesus, Yahweh's Christ, is more than an Anointed Prophet (Deu 18:15), Priest (Heb 2:17), and King (Rev 19:16). He is the one and only **Son of God** (John 3:16). Jesus is our great high priest – after the order of Melchizedek (Psa 110:1-4) – the mediator of a new and better covenant (Heb 3:1, 8:1-13, 9:15, 12:24). He is the Son of God and **Son of Man** – His favorite self-designation* in the gospels (Dan 7:13 and *83x in the NT, ESV).

Paul emphasized Jesus' humanity in 1 Timothy 2:5, with the words "the man Christ Jesus," in 1 Corinthians 15, he called Jesus the "last Adam." In John 1:1, "the Word was God," in verse 14, the Word became flesh and dwelt among humans. Jesus is God-incarnate. Hypostatic union is a theological term describing the joining of Jesus' two natures – humanity and deity. The Christ is the Creator like His Father (John 1:3). Jesus existed before His birth. In John 8:58, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, before Abraham was, **I am.**" The two words "I am" are significant; Jesus directly connects Himself to the "**I AM**" of Exodus 3:14-15. From the burning bush, God communicated His name to Moses. God said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, **I AM** has sent me to you."¹⁵ And God furthermore said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**Yahweh**, the God of your fathers...This is My name [Yahweh] forever." In John 10:30, Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" and, "The one who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). In the OT, the Father is the invisible Yahweh, and the Son is Yahweh's visible Messenger – translated "angel of Yahweh [LORD]" 56x in the LSB (Gen 16:7-11, 22:11-15, Exo 3:2, Num 22, 1Ch 21, and esp. Zec 3). He is the angel of God in Genesis 21:17, 24:7, 31:11. In Genesis 32:28, Jacob wrestled all night with a man [*Yahweh's messenger*], who gave him a new name (*Israel*), and Jacob said "I have seen God face to face." In Hebrew, the name Israel sounds like "he struggled (with) God" (CSB, fn).

Jesus is the Lamb of God who died for our sins but God raised Him up on the third day (John 1:29, 1Co 15). The firstborn from the dead holds the keys of Death and Hades (Rev 1). In response to Christ's obedience, the Father gave His Son the name above every name so that at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord** (the master, owner, and Sovereign), to the glory of God the Father (Phi 2:5-11). He and He alone – the Lord Jesus, the Christ – will receive everlasting dominion from the Ancient of Days and an eternal kingdom fulfilling every eternal promise in the Bible (Gen 17:7-8, 48:4, 2Sa 7, Isa 55:3, Eze 37:26, Dan 7:13-14, 2Co 1:20, Rev 11:15).

¹ *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1996).