

## **I Believe in Christ, the Anointed Messiah**

### *Christ and Messiah mean Anointed One*

- Series; Jesus; Christ. Not name (birth cert.); title, like pastor. Christ = Anointed One. Anointed mean?
- In OT, when installed as pht, pst, kng: ram's horn, olive oil on head. Today EVOO on head insult; then, sacred action, designates someone for imp. position, office. Elisha (pht), Aaron (pst), David (kng). Oil on head; designated for special task, installed into that office – anointed.
- Title Christ (Heb., Messiah) both mean same: Anointed One. So JC is one anointed by God, set apart, designated for special work. See at Jesus' baptism; "My Son...love." God anointing, installing Jesus into threefold office: pht, pst, kng. Those 3 office of Christ, Anointed Messiah, focus today.

### *Christ Is Our Prophet*

- 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, first office, **Lk**. JC prophet. Prophets proclaimed God's Word to people; main job. Elijah, Isaiah, OT books written prophets. God called prophets to proclaim God's Word to people. Did, whether law (condemnation, judgment, warning vs sin) or gospel (comfort, hope, reassurance of love). This twofold message God always wanted people hear; so sent prophets to proclaim. Sometimes future (Isa, Jesus' birth; Pss, his death). Main job not tell future, but truth, mouthpiece Lord.
- JC perfect prophet: didn't get message from God for people (not middleman); IS God, speaks his own Word to people. One little verse, example, **Lk**; summary of ministry as prophet. Preached law, judgment vs sin; but main focus, **Lk "proclaim...of God"** – gospel. Can't overstate how important! Live in world: friends die, people suffer sickness, countless other calamities (human exp.); unthinkable evil surrounds us, horrible evil within us (guilty conscience). So don't underestimate proc. of good news, gospel: Jesus forgives inside evil, protects us from outside evil, cares for us through calamity, will bring us home to heaven. So important! That's why Jesus proc. gospel; why gave Great Com. ("Go and make disciples... baptizing... teaching"), so others proc. gospel, like apostles, pastors, teachers. Anyone can, even if not pastor/teacher; share good news; don't need title to do that. But Jesus who has title of Christ; our prophet. And when his Word proclaimed, studied, believed among us, Jesus still speaking as our prophet.

### *Christ Is Our High Priest*

- Second office, **Heb**. JC HP. Difference between pht (God to people) & pst (people to God). In OT, offered sacrifices to God on behalf of people. Preached this two months ago: blood, gore, animals killed, burned – purpose to teach people that sin deserved violent punishment & bloodshed, but God willing to transfer that something else, like lamb, or Lamb of God. Hundreds years temple sacrifices made by priests in Jerusalem pointed to Jesus' sacrifice on cross as Lamb of God, who takes away sin of world.
- So Jesus is anointed Christ, Messiah, office of HP. Irony (unmistakable): for Jesus to be HP, didn't have to sacrifice animals; his own life! Our HP lays down life on cross for our sins; transferred them from us to him, then sacrificed for them. **Heb 7:27**. What Jesus did on Calvary! That sacrifice still good; hasn't expired. That sacrifice (cross in front of church) means transference of guilt, sin is complete. "It is finished." Not just a priest; our perfect HP. As anointed Messiah, Christ office HP.

### *Christ Is Our King*

- Finally, third lesson, office: **Jn**. JC is King. Lenten flashback in June; Jesus with Pilate, early AM of GF. Irony: when Jesus looks least like a king. Yet dialogues with Pilate (king) re kingdom. Very imp: Jesus is different kind of king. Never came to overthrow political leaders, establish territories, command armies, like earthly kings – although Jews hoped Messiah would; wanted earthly king. Jesus is diff kind of king, diff kind of kingdom.

- One you can't see. What see here: handcuffed Jewish rabbi about to be tortured to death under Roman rule. Look past that with eyes of faith; now what see: Jesus in control. Mark of king: in control; Jesus in control. Willingly stood before Pilate, went to cross; his plan all along. Jesus is king who's in control. That gives us peak into reality that Jesus is in control of all things, everywhere, in universe; rules world, even if can't see. Ever feel like your life spinning out of control? Jesus in control. Have this presidential election on mind, or Orlando gunman, or your own health? Jesus in control. King.
- **“Not of this world...from another place.”** So as Jesus rules world, also ruling here in hearts by faith. This is where Christ is crowned king. Christ sent HS to create faith in heart at baptism; comes in body, blood in HC to strengthen faith; Shepherd King who gently leads you beside quiet waters of Word, stays with you through valley of shadow of death. By faith, your heart holds Christ as your King. Someday take you to kingdom of heaven, where will see king, face to face, forever.

### *Take This Personally*

- There: 3 part sermon – pht, pst, kng. Not just theological review of biblical facts. Take truth, message very personally. God anointed Christ, Messiah to this threefold office to serve you. So in these roles, Jesus is serving you. Think of Bible passages you love; Catechism, Bible class lessons that have shaped you; sermons that have moved you; people whose words have guided you in faith. Through proclamation of God's Word, Jesus has been speaking to your heart as prophet. As HP, died for you, sacrificed his own life out of love for you. As king – no king knows subjects by name; diff with Jesus – knows you, what you need; rules everything in your life in your best eternal interest. Jesus is Shepherd King, always with you, guarding, guiding with love.
- Christ isn't just title for Savior. Activity of Savior. God's Anointed is actively serving us, day after day, in these roles, in this threefold office. So I believe in Christ (you do, too), the anointed Messiah.

### **Luke 8:1**

<sup>1</sup> After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.

### **Hebrews 7:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

### **John 18:36**

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”