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Jesus Is the Anointed One: Anointed to Be Our Prophet, High Priest, and King

Anointing

- Picture scene: grnd crmny taking place in Isrl; lrg crwd gthrd. Ldr/crmny is holding ram's horn; before him kneeling VIP, canddt evone's come see. Solemn wrds spkn; ldrr tips horn down; out pours stream olive oil onto man before him. Runs down hair/cheeks/beard, drips robes. (American: shwr, shmpoo, run thru laundry.) But think more like OT Heb. What watching? Anntng. An anntng crmny: like indetn, inaugrtn, instlltn, where the canddt being anntd is publicly set aprt, desgntd, conscrtd for very imp offc. 3 types ppl were anntd like this in OT: kngs (Sam & Dvd); prsts (in Lev Mss & Aaron); prphts (Elijah & Elisha). When PPorK anntd, evone knew: Lord setting that prsn aprt for sacred task.
- J is Lord's AO. Name actly means AO. Xp (Gr) & Msh (Heb): both AO. So JC, Msh: AO. He's been set aprt to be: PPorK? No, all 3! And this anntng took place in etrnty: J always been set aprt as perf PPK for mnknd. But crmny/indctn/inaugrtn/instlltn took place not w/oil fr ram's horn, but w/wtr fr Jordan R. When J bptzd, was publicly desgntd as Lord's AO. Opening hymn: "Hail to Lord's Anntd." Just sang: "The Fr's word, the Sprt's flight anntd Xp in glorious sight." And bk/Ac: "God anntd J/Naz w/HS & pwr" (10:38). Today we're going to see how J:AO, to be our PPK.

Anointed to Be Our Prophet

- 1st: prpht. What's a prpht? Basicly smone who prclms GW. Lot bks Bbl writtn by prphts: Isa, Jer, Mic, Joel. JB: prpht; prchd wldrns. Elijah: prpht; calld dwn fire fr hvn vs prphts/Baal. Mss: prpht; bk/Dt calls him greatst of OT prphts. Smtms prphts foretld fut; gave rev of coming events. Smtms prphts prched hrsh law: condmnd sins & urgntly warned ppl repent. But main job of prphts: to proclm Gos, to tell ppl re God's cvnt love for them & teach them re coming Mes, Sav fr sin. God had msg/grace that he wanted ppl hear/bel; and prphts were ones who got to share that msg.
- J: anntd be our prpht. He came to share Gos w/all ppl. And no one more qualfd proclaim Gos than J, bec J is God; it's his word/msg. He not just passng along msg from God to ppl (like prphts). The Gos orignts w/J; so when he shares Gos, you're gettng it right fr source. J came to say: I am Mes, came from hvn; come to bear your sins, pay their full pnshmnt on cross; I'm fulfilmnt God's proms, & I'm going bring you be w/me in hvn. J proclms Gos and J is Gos; embodies Gos. In 2 wks, in Gos les, J going stand up in syng/Naz, quote psg from Isa re himself: "Sprt/Lrd is on me bec he has anntd me to proclm good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclm freedom for the prsnrs and recvry of sght for the blind, to set the opprssd free, to proclm the yr/Lrd's favor" (Lk 4:18-19). And while he lived among us, that's certainly what J did: he proclmd Gos as our prophet.
- Smtms I think: if J walk into class/ch, I'd say: finish? Re you after all! Never hpnd yet. But J: still our prpht, even though ascndd into hvn; still proclms GW-does in 2 ways: 1) thru reg Xians like you/me. J: "Go into all wrld & preach Gos all creatn" (Mk 16:15). Also: "Go & make discs all ntns" (Mt 28:19). And when we do that in casual convrstns, in wrds/enc w/fam/frnds, when talk re our faith w/cowrkrs & tell othrs re J J is speaking thru us; he's functnng as great prpht 1) thru reg Xians; and 2) thru called wrks. They're reg Xians too; only diff: called by God, thru calling body like cong or school, to share Gos publicly. They're in pub min. Bk/Eph: "Xp himself gave the: apstls, prphts, evnglsts, prs & tchrs, to equip his ppl for wrks/srvc" (4:11-12). One wk fr today, we will install our new pr: PNH. I hope you all can come to aftrnn srvc & meal and welcome him as a Gos minister among us. Thru his words, J will speak to us as our great prpht.

Anointed to Be Our High Priest

- J also anntd be our HP. What's HP? In OT, prsts: the clergy; they represent ppl before God. They'd offer God the scrfcs & pryrs of ppl. In order to have access to God, you had go thru prst. Ldr/prsts: HP; had very spcl job. Once/yr, on DA, he'd enter HH, sacred chambr at back tmpl, where ark/cvnt kept. Enter HH, sprinkle bld/scrfc on ark, first for own sins, then sins/ppl. And thru this sacred crmny on DA, God forgave sins/ntn and made them at one w/God.
- J was anntd be our HP. He made sacrfc/atnmnt that forgives sins/wrld and makes us at one w/God. But didn't do it on DA in HH. He made scrfc/atnmnt, once & for all, when gave life on cross. There's no psg in Bbl more clear re this than Heb 7: "Unlike the other HPs, he does not need offer scrfcs day after day, first for own sins, and then for sins/ppl. He scrfcd for their sins once for all when he offrd self" (27). Our HP scrfcd his own life, as pnshmnt our sins, to make us at one w/God.
- And today J is still functing as our HP. Doesn't have suffr/die on cross any more. "It is finshd" (Jn 19:30); our salv is complete. But, just as the OT prsts'd offer prayers to God for ppl, so also today J prays or intrcds for us. Again, Heb 7: "[J] is able save comply those who come to God thru him, bec he always lives to intrcd for them" (25). At rght hnd God, rght now, J sayng: Fr, these ppl redeemd/forgvn; I've paid for their sins; they my bros/siss; Fr, your sons/dghtrs. And Fr loves hear J intrcd for us, bec loves us. So you do not have go thru earthy intermdry to have access to God. You have J, your HP, who made sacrfc for your sins and is always interceding on your behalf.

Anointed to Be Our Anointed King

Finly, J: anntd be our King. But we live in Amrca; don't have king! Have demcrcy; we fought to free selves fr tyranny/kng! But J: no earthly kng. Told Pilate: "My kngdm: not of this wrld; my kngdm: fr another place" (Jn 18:36). J is diff knd/kng. Back on CTK Sun (right b4 Thnksgvng), I prchd re J's kngdm. Might recall: there are 3 distnct areas of J's ruling actvty. We call: K/PGG. k/pwr: his almghty pwr over entire unvrs. Planets/orbits; oxygn lvl atmsphr; the creating/sustnng of all life; res/dead; all his mrcls/might; J is omnptnt, all-pwrfl – k/pwr. Then, k/grc: thru W&S J brings ppl to faith; changes them fr being unbelvr to bel, dwells in hrts by faith. This is k/grc or k/Gos. Finly, k/glry, hvn itself, where J reigns in hvnly glory. And smday we'll see J in hvnly glry, w/own eyes there in etrnl life. J was anntd be our kng, who'd reign: over unvrs in k/pwr, in hrts in k/grc, and in hvn in k/glry.

Jesus Is the Anointed One!

• That day at Jordan R, when vs. 22 – that day, J was anntd, not w/oil over head, but w/water/bap. That day J began his earthly ministry as our PPK; was installed, inaugurated, set apart as Xp, the Mes, the Lord's AO. Hail to Lord's Anntd!

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

