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Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His **Messiah**, (Psalm 2:1-2)

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks the **Messiah shall** be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (Daniel 9:25-26)

"And there were in the same region shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were very afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord.**" (Luke 2:8-11)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has **anointed Me** to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised; and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Isiah 61:1 = Luke 4:18)

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I the Son of Man am?" And they said, "Some say that You are John the Baptist; and some say Elijah; and others say Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." And He said unto them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah; for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but My Father who is in heaven.?" (Matthew 16:13-17)

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak to you about the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up one to sit on his throne; he, seeing this beforehand, **spoke of the resurrection of the Christ**, that His soul was not left in hell, neither did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus has God raised up, of which we all are witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has shed forth this, which you now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens; but he himself said, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit You on My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool." Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made this same Jesus, whom you have crucified, **both Lord and Christ**. (Peter speaking in Acts 2:29-36)

"Whoever believes that **Jesus is the Christ** is born of God; and every one who loves Him who fathered, loves Him (Jesus) also who is born of Him (the Father)." (1 John 5:1)

Christ: from the Greek word **Christos** which means "Anointed; or the Anointed One", and is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word **Mashiach** which also means "Anointed; or the Anointed One, or **Messiah**"

The title **Christ** is used five hundred and fourteen times in the New Testament – most all in reference to Jesus!

The title is **Messiah** used just thirty-nine times in the Old Testament, of which only three refer prophetically to Jesus!

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'**Christ**' is the primary title by which Jesus is known. Saying Christ Jesus is similar to saying King Jesus. Christ and King are titles; while 'Jesus' is His proper name.

The title 'Christ' is unique in that it is often used alone, like a title-name for Jesus; and often like a surname-title, as in Jesus Christ'.

Priests (Ex. 28:41; 40:15; Num. 3:3), prophets (1 Kings 19:16), and kings (1 Sam. 9:16; 16:3; 2 Sam. 12:7) were anointed with oil, and so consecrated to their respective offices. (Easton)

However, Jesus **the Christ** was not anointed with oil, but rather He was anointed with the Holy Spirit by the Father after He was baptized by John the Baptist. (read Matthew 3:11-17)

Consider these scriptures:

“He who comes from above is above all; and he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all; and what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no man receives his testimony. He who has received His testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God gives not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He who believes on the Son has everlasting life; and he who believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him. (John the Baptist – quoted from John 3:31-36)

“And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the Beginning, the Firstborn From the Dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell. For in Him dwells all the fulness of Deity (the Godhead) in bodily form.” (Colossians 1:17-19; and 2:9)

What these verses are saying is that the anointing of Jesus was not measured out to Jesus in some limited amount; but rather His anointing from the Father was in FULL measure! That is, Jesus was anointed with all the fullness of the Father and Holy Spirit. Thus the authority of His spoken words; thus His revelation knowledge and wisdom; thus His ability to perform miracles; etc. Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us!

However the title 'Christ' was not bestowed upon Jesus just after His baptism by John. Indeed He was called **Christ the Lord** at His birth; and He was **Christ the Lord** even before the first Messianic prophecy was given in Genesis chapter three, where it says, "the Seed of the Woman" (Gen. 3:15).

Jesus is ...

**the Christ,
the Messiah,**

**the Son of the Living God,
God's promised Savior of the World
The One Anointed with the Fullness of Deity!**

May all Glory, and Honor, and Majesty, and Power, be forever Yours

Jesus our Savior, our Lord, our Christ, our Messiah!

Amen and Amen!