

# Jesus Is The Christ

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Scripture:

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. - Mt 16:13–18 (ESV)

From the Introduction:

The Greek word, *Christos* (used in Matthew’s passage by Peter to describe Jesus), is an adjective meaning “rubbed on” or “used as an ointment or salve.” To us this might seem like a strange title to be applied by Peter on Jesus.

- The word *Christos* can also be used in referring to one who is consecrated (anointed) for a religious purpose or an office.
- Considering our understanding of Jesus as Messiah, how does the word *Christos* speak to you in view of Him as God’s anointed?

- 1) He ushers in us a new age (Gal. 1:3-4)
  - a) Paul reminds us that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us from the past.
  - b) Through Christ, we experience peace from \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances, both past and present.
  
- 2) He brings to us a new hope (Titus 2:11-13)
  - a) Paul reminds us that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ a future hope.
  - b) Through Christ, we find \_\_\_\_\_ and a future inheritance.
  
- 3) He produces in us a new power (Col 1:11-12)
  - a) Paul remind us that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us spiritual power.
  - b) Through Christ, we receive spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome in all circumstances.

## Remember:

*Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:18, ESV)*

## Reflect:

“I believe in Christ, like I believe in the sun – not because I see it, but by it I can see everything else. – C. S. Lewis

## Seek:

- 1) Some people view Jesus as a great moral teacher, but not the Son of God. Why is it important for us to avoid such thinking?
- 2) If someone were to ask you, “Why do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?” how would you respond?

## Share:

- 1) Read Titus 2:11-13
  - a) In this passage, Paul reminds Titus that salvation came through God’s grace, in Christ. How important is it to understand that it is God who initiated the redemptive process through Christ?
  - b) The Greek word for “waiting” (*prosodechomai*) in verse 13 often connotes eagerness. How should our expectations for Christ’s return influence our usefulness for the Kingdom now?

2) Read Colossians 1:11-12

- a) The Greek word for “power” (*dynamis*) can be translated “force” or “miraculous power.” How eagerly do you seek “being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might,” in your daily life?
  
- b) Donald Stamps notes, “This infusion of power is an ongoing experience of receiving from God his own life by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.” What steps do you need to take to experience “*dynamis*” power in your life daily?

**Serve:**

- 1) How does it make you feel to know that God anointed Jesus Christ in power so that you might also receive power in Him?
  
- 2) What will you do this week to experience a deeper relationship and the power of the Holy Spirit in your life as you joyfully serve in expectation of Christ’s return?

**Prayer:**

Pray together, using sentence prayers, thanking God for sending His Son, to save you. Also, thank Him for the wonderful work He has accomplished in you through the Holy Spirit.