

He Will Be Great and Will Be Called...
A study of five important names of the One who was born at Christmas



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He is Christ | Various Scriptures

This Advent season we are studying names of Jesus. The first name that we considered was *Savior*. The second name of Jesus we will look at is “Christ” which is a title meaning “Anointed One” and refers to the Messiah. In Old Testament times, people were anointed when they were called to the offices of prophet, priest, or king. Jesus was anointed to perform the responsibilities of all three of these leadership positions.

The Prophet Speaks

Prophets were specially anointed to reveal God’s truth to people. When God had something to say to people He told a prophet His message and the prophet told it to the people. The prophet would speak God’s words of truth, words of warning and words of hope.

But then God sent His Son, the Word.

Read Hebrews 1:1-2 and John 1:14. Describe Jesus from these passages:

Read Acts 3:22 (Peter quotes Deuteronomy 18:15).

For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.

Because of the Bible, God’s living word, we can hear God’s voice every day, anytime.

[Q] How are you listening to Him?

The Priest Sacrifices

Priests were anointed to various duties in the Old Testament. They were set aside as holy to serve God. They were authorized to perform and administer the religious rites, especially the sacrifices in Israel. The priest had to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the sins of the people.

But then He sent His Son, the High Priest.

Read Hebrews 7:23–28.

[Q] How is Jesus a better High Priest?

[Q] What is Jesus doing now as your priest? (v. 25)

Read 1 Peter 2:5, 9.

[Q] As a member of the royal priesthood what is your job? See also Romans 12:1 and Hebrews 13:15.

[Q] How might these priest-like activities help bring people to God?

The King Serves and Rules

Kings were anointed in Old Testament Israel to serve God and His people. They were supposed to model the law of God in their personal and public life (Deut. 17:18–20). There were some good kings like David and Solomon and some evil kings. But they were all temporary.

And then God sent His Son, whose throne will last forever.

Read Revelation 19:16 and Revelation 1:5-6.

[Q] What kind of king is Jesus?

Who rules you?

[Q] What does it mean for Jesus to be your King? What does it mean for persecuted people such as the Egyptian Christians in the [video](#) from the weekend message? What does it mean for you personally to be a subject of His Kingdom?

Check out this short daily devotional that follows the Valley sermon series on the names of Jesus:

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