

JESUS THE WITNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST II

John 1:19-28 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

²³ He said: "I am *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the LORD,'* ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

²⁵ And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

²⁷ It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

- I. John not only knew who he was, he knew who he wasn't
 - a. John 1:20
 - b. He was not the "Messiah"
- II. The words "Christ" (*Christos*) and "Messiah" are the same. Messiah is Hebrew and Christ is Greek.
 - a. Both refer to the same person and have the same meaning: *The anointed one*.
 - b. Matthew said Jesus is called Christ.
 - i. **Matthew 1:16 (NKJV)**
And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.
- III. Many arose and claimed to be the Messiah and led their followers in rebellion against the Roman State.
 - a. **Mark 15:6-7 (NKJV)**
 - ⁶ Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.
 - ⁷ And there was one named Barabbas, *who was* chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.
- IV. The Messiah was thought to be several things.
 - a. Nationally, He was to be a leader from the line of David, who would free the Jews from Roman oppression. And establish Israel as an independent nation, the greatest the world had ever known.
 - b. Militarily, He was to lead Jewish armies victoriously over all the world.
 - c. Religiously, A supernatural figure who would bring righteousness worldwide.
 - d. Personally, the one who would bring world peace.

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- V. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah on three occasions.
- a. **Matthew 16:15-17 (NKJV)**
 - ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
 - ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 - ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
 - b. **Mark 14:61-62 (NKJV)**
 - ⁶¹ But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
 - ⁶² Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."
 - c. **John 4:25-26 (NKJV)**
 - ²⁵ The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."
 - ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."
- VI. The name Jesus shows him to be 100% man. The name Christ shows Him to be 100% God.
- a. It identifies him as
 - i. Prophet
 1. **Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (NKJV)**
 - ¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,
 - ¹⁶ according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.'
 - ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good.
 - ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.
 - ¹⁹ And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him.
 - ii. Priest
 1. **Psalms 110:4 (NKJV)**
 - ⁴ The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

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iii. King

1. **2 Samuel 7:12-13 (NKJV)**

¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

VII. Just as each of these three were anointed with oil, The Messiah was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

a. **Matthew 3:16 (NKJV)**

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

b. **Mark 1:10-11 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

¹¹ Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

c. **Luke 3:21-22 (NKJV)**

²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.

²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

d. **John 1:32-33 (NKJV)**

³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

e. **John 1:41 (NKJV)**

⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

f. **John 6:68-69 (NKJV)**

⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

