

# THE “WHO TOLD YOU?” SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **WHO TOLD YOU THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?**

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Church, Community, Doctrine, End Times, Disciple-Making, Truth.**

**Introduction and overview to the series  
Jesus of Nazareth, Messiah, Son of God.**

### **John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. :6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. :10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**What comes to your mind when you hear those words spoken:  
“Jesus Christ?”**

**I suppose that it would be the context in which  
His name is being used.**

## **“WHO TOLD YOU THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?”**

When we talk about Jesus Christ we need to remember,  
That - it is true, His name is Jesus but His last name is not Christ.

**He is not the Mr. Lord Jesus Christ but he is Jesus,**

We're going to be looking at that profound and eternal truth that the Christ of God has revealed himself to mankind and His name is Jesus.

**There is centrality of the Christ in Scripture**

*Meaning that the Bible has one central theme throughout its pages – that is the redemption, the restoration, the rescuing of humanity from itself.*

## **“WHO TOLD YOU THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?”**

### **1.) Why is Jesus called the Christ?**

#### **1a.) What does being the Christ mean?**

**Christ** comes from **Christos**, a Greek word that means “**the anointed one,**” or “**the chosen one.**” The Hebrew word meaning the same thing is **Mashiach**, or as we know it - **Messiah**.

According to the Bible, there is only one (1) Christ or Messiah.

The Biblical Christ, Is the Christ who is **Singular**, who has been **anointed**, **empowered**, and **tasked** to represent the will of God to the humanity as men.

**Again according to the Bible: The Christ, The Savior**

The very idea and doctrine of a Christ presupposes  
that there is the need for a Christ.

#### **Why is Jesus called the Christ?**

### **1b.) How is Jesus qualified to be the Christ?**

**Thankfully we can appreciate those who were very critical,**  
resistant and even unbelieving regarding who Jesus Christ was.

## The Jewish Leaders Examined Jesus

**Matthew 26:57, 63-64**

And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. **:63** But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” **:64** Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

## The Roman Empire Examined Jesus.

He appeared before **Herod** the Tetrarch and **Pontius Pilate**, Governor of Judah and they questioned Him...

## The Qualifications for the Christ began in Typology

**Exodus 12:1-7**

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: “On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself **a lamb**, according to the house of his father, **a lamb** for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for **the lamb**, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for **the lamb**. 5 **Your lamb** shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of the same month. Then the whole assembly of **the congregation of Israel shall kill it** at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of **the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel** of the houses where they **eat it**.

Both Jesus and the Passover lamb had to be examined during the month Nisan, (March-April) between the 10th and 14th.

## The man who went from Christ hater, to devote follower

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. :3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day **according to the Scriptures**,

## **The 4 Gospels go to great lengths to provide**

Tangible, Reliable, Quantitative Data proving that the Jesus of Nazareth, is in fact the Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the World.

**The Gospel begins this by presenting the Genealogical Record.**

### **Matthew 1:1,18**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: :18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

3 of the 4 Gospel's record documented proof of Jesus being the Christ.  
Luke 3:38 The Son of Adam & John 1:1-3 The Son of God

## **So important and powerful is this record,**

That in the near future, Israel, the Jew's will turn to the Old and New Testaments to compare the ancient records – when they do, they will see.

## **Why is Jesus called the Christ?**

### **1c.) Are there other evidences pointing to Jesus?**

1. There is the **Historical** data
2. There is the **Scientific** data (archeology)
3. There are the **Metaphysical** considerations of soul-spirit and consciousness.
4. There is the **Eyewitness** Accounts

## **There are the Preexisting Arguments**

### **Did not God promise:**

1. regeneration - Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26
2. forgiveness of sin - Jeremiah 31:34; Ezekiel 36:25
3. the indwelling Holy Spirit - Ezekiel 36:26.
4. the comprehension of God - Jeremiah 31:34
5. the Messiah had to come from the tribe of Judah. - Genesis 49:10

**The pre-recorded account of Jesus' resurrection and the post resurrection fact is the ultimate evidence,**  
and it is perhaps the most convincing vindication of Jesus' claims.

## **We must come to grips with the fact that Jesus predicted**

His own resurrection, which vindicated His claims to Messiah-ship.  
The Roman leaders stole the body of Jesus from the tomb to prevent Him from a greater influence – *the empty tomb only helped the message.*

### **Dr. Randall Price writes;**

“Did the Roman authorities steal the body of Jesus from the tomb? Then why didn’t they produce it when the word started being spread that Jesus was risen? Or maybe the disciples stole it. But could such a fabrication on their part account for the change in their attitude? Three days earlier they were disillusioned, defeated idealists who had hoped that Jesus would bring in a new world order; could a lie which they knew to be a lie, now account for their hope, their boldness in the face of official persecution, and for the high ethical standards they set?”

**Jesus must appear in the courtroom of every man’s mind  
and the mind of every woman, boy and girl.**

**Every human being is required to make a ruling on who  
Jesus Christ is.**

**Somewhere in your logic and reason,  
Jesus must be, will be “considered.” Does your opinion of Jesus match  
what He has said about Himself or what...?**

## **“WHO TOLD YOU THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST?”**

### **2.) How does Jesus being the Christ effect me?**

**How can you explain, that “Issue” that Jesus Christ generates?**

By His supernatural nature – Jesus Christ creates **an atmosphere of “decision”**. People have always and always will struggle with what to do with Jesus Christ.

What He said & What He didn’t say. / What He did & What He didn't do

## How does Jesus being the Christ effect me?

### 2a.) Because His claims cannot be defeated

#### When you examine the “Claims” of Jesus Christ,

What did **Jesus** have to say about Himself?

What did **others** have to say about Jesus Christ?

What do **you** have to say about Jesus Christ?

#### **Just His Claims Alone – They Cannot be Defeated, Only Neglected, Resisted, *but never defeated!***

##### **John 10:27-30**

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. 30 I and My Father are one.”

Jesus claimed an undisputable equality with God the Father.  
( it was this kind of talk that fomented his detractors to go insane )

##### **Colossians 1:15-17**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

##### **John 1:1-2**

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##### **Hebrews 1:1-2**

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

1. The Almighty One. Rev. 1:8
2. The Alpha and Omega. Rev. 22:13
3. The Advocate. 1 John 2:1
4. The Author and Perfecter of our faith Heb. 12:2
5. The Authority. Matt. 28:18

6. The Bread of Life. John 6:35
7. The Beloved Son of God. Matt. 3:17
8. The Bridegroom. Matt. 9:15
9. The Chief Cornerstone. Ps. 118:22
10. The Deliverer. 1 Thess.1:10
11. The Faithful and True. Rev.19:11
12. The Good Shepherd. John 10:11
13. The Great High Priest. Heb. 4:14
14. The Head of the Church. Eph. 1:22
15. The Holy Servant. Acts 4:29-30
16. The I Am. John 8:58
17. The Immanuel. Is. 7:14
18. The Indescribable Gift. 2 Cor. 9:15
19. The Judge. Acts 10:42
20. The King of Kings. Rev. 17:14
21. The Lamb of God. John 1:29
22. The Light of the World. John 8:12
23. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Rev. 5:5
24. The Lord of All. Phil. 2:9-11
25. The Mediator. 1 Tim. 2:5
26. The Messiah. John 1:41
27. The Mighty One. Is. 60:16
28. The One Who Sets Free. John 8:36
29. The Hope. 1 Tim. 1:1
30. The Peace. Eph. 2:14
31. The Prophet. Mark 6:4
32. The Redeemer. Job 19:25
33. The Risen Lord. 1 Cor. 15:3-4
34. The Rock. 1 Cor. 10:4
35. The Sacrifice. 1 John 4:10
36. The Savior. Luke 2:11
37. The Son of Man. Luke 19:10
38. The Son of the Most High. Luke 1:32
39. The Supreme Creator Over All. 1 Cor. 1:16-17
40. The Resurrection and the Life. John 11:25
41. The Door. John 10:9
42. The Way. John 14:6
43. The Word. John 1:1
44. The True Vine. John 15:1
45. The Truth. John 8:32
46. The Victorious One. Rev. 3:21
47. The Wonderful." Is. 9:6a
48. The Counselor, Is. 9:6b
49. The Mighty God, Is. 9:6c
50. The Everlasting Father." Is. 9:6d
51. The Prince of Peace." Is. 9:6e
52. The Son of David. Luke 18:39
53. The Son of God. Mark 1:1
54. The LORD of Lords. Rev. 19:6
55. The Son of Abraham. Matt. 1:1
56. The Christ. John 1:41

## How does Jesus being the Christ effect me?

### 2b.) Because everything previously has come to pass

#### **Deuteronomy 18:18-19 ESV**

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. and I will put my words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

**19** And whoever will not listen to my words that He shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Was Jesus born in Bethlehem?

**Micah 5:2**

Was Jesus born of a Virgin?

**Isaiah 7:14**

Was Jesus from the Tribe of Judah?

**Genesis 49:8-12**

Was He a Descendant of King David?

**Jeremiah 23:5**

Was Jesus sold for 30 pieces of Silver?

**Zechariah 11:13**

Was Jesus' hands and feet crucified?

**Psalms 22:16**

Did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a Donkey being hailed as King?

**Zechariah 9:9**

Did Jesus suddenly come (in authority) to the Temple.

**Malachi 3:1**

***According to Mathematician Peter Stoner,  
Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy  
at Pasadena City College:***

**Just these 8 Biblical prophecies** beifulng filled by one person is  
**1 chance in 100 million billion.**

Jesus Christ fulfilled **300 Biblical prophecies** in His lifetime on earth.

**Does Jesus fit the bill according to the Bible? - - Yes,**  
But none of these facts will cause you to believe. It's a spiritual matter.  
( Richard Dawkins knows these numbers. So did Christopher Hitchens,  
so does Sam Harris )

## **How does Jesus being the Christ effect me?**

### **2c.) Because He alone desires to be your Christ**

#### **what a remarkable truth this is.**

If you're looking for a "group religion", then Christianity is not for you.

If in your mind, a list or ledger of do's and don'ts makes sense to you,  
then Christianity can't help you

**right now - today we ought to be here because each**  
and everyone of us have been drawn to **The Nucleus** of why we believe what  
we believe. And that **Nucleus is Jesus Christ.**

**Jesus Christ is the only "Messiah" in Israel's history**  
that publically professed that salvation is both for the Jew and Gentile alike.

#### **Isaiah 11:10**

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to  
the people; For the **Gentiles** shall seek Him, And His  
resting place shall be glorious."

#### **2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though  
we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no  
longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have  
passed away; behold, all things have become new.

## **The Cross**

*End of Study*

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