

Sermon Brief, Important Cross References and Quotes, Helpful Links, Discussion Questions

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Was it Not Necessary? How the Old Testament Prepares us for Jesus #6

“Messiah”

Selected Scriptures

Sermon Brief:

1. If we are going to appreciate Jesus we need to understand the Old Testament.
2. Over the past several weeks, we've been looking at a number of key concepts which enable us to appreciate what is going on. Kingdom, covenant, Israel, David, and eschatology. This Sunday, we are looking at the sixth, Messiah.
3. You need to understand what it means to call Jesus the Messiah.
4. One reason this subject is important is because this is what a large part of the New Testament is written to help you understand about Jesus.
5. But it's not just the New Testament either! One of the primary reasons the Old Testament was written was to help you understand what it means to call Jesus the Messiah.
6. The entire Bible is written to help you understand and believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ or the Messiah.
7. So what does it mean to call Jesus that?
8. To help us answer that question, we are going to look at three ways the Old Testament prepares us for understanding the concept of Messiah.
9. **First of all, the meaning of the word Messiah. Second, the work of the Messiah. And third, the characteristics of the Messiah.**

Important Cross References and Quotes:

1. Acts 17:2,3
2. John 20:30,21
3. Matthew 1:1
4. Mark 1:27, Mark 2:7, Mark 2:16, Mark 4:41, Mark 6:2, Mark 8:27-29
5. Luke 24:25-27
6. Leviticus 8:10-12, 1 Kings 19:16
7. Deuteronomy 18:15; 1 Samuel 2:25; 2 Samuel 7
8. Isaiah 45:1ff
9. Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 49:10, 2 Samuel 7, Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:2, Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 9:1-2, Zechariah 9:9, Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 35:5,6, Isaiah 49:7, Isaiah 61:1-3, Psalm 118:22, Psalm 55:12-13, Isaiah 50:6, Zechariah 11:13, Micah 5:1, Psalm 22:7-8, Isaiah 53:7, Psalm 22:16, Psalm 34:20, Zechariah 13:7, Isaiah 53:9, Psalm 16:10, Psalm 110:1, Isaiah 63:1-6, Psalm 2:6-12, Zechariah 12:10, Ezekiel 36:16-38, Daniel 7:13-14.

Helpful Links:

1. [Jesus in the Old Testament](#)
2. [The Hero Story](#)

3. [Old Testament anticipation of the Messiah](#)
4. [Resurrection of the Messiah in the Old Testament](#)
5. [The Divine Messiah in the Old Testament](#)

Discussion Questions:

1. What have you learned about the Old Testament over the past several weeks?
2. Which of the six key concepts stood out to you the most and why?
3. Where would you like to do a little more study specifically in regards to understanding the Old Testament?
4. What are two reasons understanding what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah is so important for understanding the Bible?
5. We think of the word Messiah as a title, but how is it primarily used in the Old Testament?
6. What three categories of people were typically anointed in the Old Testament, and how may that help us understand what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah?
7. What surprising person is described as a messiah in the Old Testament and what can we learn from him about what it means to be the Messiah?
8. From start to finish the Old Testament is a messianic document. Pick some of the different books of the Old Testament and summarize the ways they help you understand what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah.
9. Not only does the Old Testament help us understand the work of the Messiah, it also gives us some very specific prophecies regarding what He is going to be like. Which of the prophecies about the Messiah stood out the most to you?
10. Even though the Old Testament said so much about the Messiah, the disciples were really discouraged after Jesus was crucified. What reason does Jesus give for their discouragement in Luke 24:25-27?
11. It would be easy to give the disciples a hard time, but how can we fall into a similar trap ourselves?
12. How can this message about the Messiah help you in your everyday life?