

The Three Christs – Pt 1
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When Paul came to Rome in Acts 28, he taught the Jews there about Jesus the Christ from the Old Testament (He explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening - Acts 28:23). This lesson considers (in three parts) what the Christ was from the Old Testament:

The Christ is to be the Greatest King, Foreshadowed by David

The Christ is to be the Greatest High Priest, Foreshadowed by Melchizedek

The Christ is to be the Greatest Prophet, Foreshadowed by Moses

The Word Christ (in the Old Testament the same word is Messiah) means anointed one. What is anointing? It was something done with the Holy Oil mentioned in Exodus 30:22-24 (Myrrh, cinnamon, cane, cassia & olive oil)

And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. Exodus 30:25

Jesus did not receive an anointing of oil, but a prophetic anointing that was Spiritual, or from God ("*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor....*" - Isaiah 61:1). Spiritual anointing is God ordaining someone for a special purpose. In fact, Jesus received three spiritual anointings when the Father spoke from Heaven in the Gospel accounts. Each corresponds to a work of a Messiah. The first anointing – as a King

A Messiah in the Old Testament is a man who is anointed King (example I Kings 19:16). Matthew makes a great case for this when he tells us about the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-10. While He was born as a man heir to this physical throne, His eternal throne given when He arose from the grave (Matthew 28:18). He was foreshadowed by David.

Foreshadows of the Christ in the Old Testament include: Noah, Melchizedek, Isaac, Moses, Joshua, Boaz, David, Zerubbabel and Joshua. In regards to kingship, David is the foreshadow spoken of in the Bible. The Christ Would Be "David" (*Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king* - Hosea 3:5; *Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob and My servant David shall be their prince forever.* - Ezekiel 37:25)

Why David? He was the greatest king - Acts 13:22 – and Jesus was the true heir to David's throne (Isaiah 9:7). Jesus IS the Christ King. Jesus the Christ is King today OVER ALL (Daniel 2:44). As King He rules over subjects, His Kingdom (Philippians 3:20, Ephesians 2:19). As King He speaks Law (Galatians 6:2 – "the Law of Christ; Romans 8:2 – "the Law of the Spirit of Life"; James 2:8 – "the Royal Law"; James 2:12 – "the Law of Liberty")