

# Is Jesus the Messiah?

## Part I

John 7:37-44 (Screen only)

The word Messiah is of Hebrew origin which literally means Christ.

The name "Christ" in the Greek literally means "anointed one".

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – **John 14:6**

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." – **Matthew 21:9-11**

Hosanna means save.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." – **Luke 4:18-19**

To the Jew the Messiah would have to fulfill prophecy.

1) The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." – **Micah 5:2**

**Fulfilled in: Matthew 2:1** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

2) The Messiah would be a descendant of King David.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. – **Isaiah 9:7**

He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. – **II Samuel 7:13**

**Fulfilled in: Matthew 1:1** A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: **Matthew 1:6** and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

3) The Messiah would be from the tribe of Judah.

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his. – **Genesis 49:10**

**Fulfilled in: Luke 3:33** the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

4) The Messiah would be "cut off".

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven

'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. <sup>26</sup> After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. – **Daniel 9:25-26**

**Fulfilled in:** All four Gospels describe Jesus' crucifixion.

5) The Messiah would be born of a virgin.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. – **Isaiah 7:14**

**Fulfilled in: Matthew 1:18** This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

6) The Messiah would enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. – **Zechariah 9:9**

**Fulfilled in: Luke 19:35-37** they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

7) The Messiah would be wounded and bruised.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. – **Isaiah 53:5**

**Fulfilled in: Matthew 27:26** Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

8) The Messiah will be the Son of God.

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." – **Psalms 2:7**

**Fulfilled in: Matthew 26:63-64** But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." **Matthew 3:17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

➔ **Even with all the evidence people still refuse to believe.**

➔ **The largest road block to faith is doubt.**

John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, <sup>19</sup>he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" <sup>20</sup>When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'" <sup>21</sup>At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup>So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. <sup>23</sup>Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." – **Luke 7:18-23**

**"All things are possible for those who believe."**