



Is Jesus the Messiah?

Matthew 3:13-17

1. He had a forerunner (Matt 3:1-4; cf. Isa 40:3-5)
 - a. Born providentially (Matt 1:18-25)
 - b. Pointed to Jesus as the Christ (John 1:29, 34)
2. He was virgin-born (Matt 1:23; cf. Luke 1:26-45; Isa 7:14)
3. Born in fulfillment of prophecy (Matt 2:5-6, 15, 18, 23)
4. Attested as the Messiah by witnesses
 - a. By the magi (Matt 2:1-13)
 - b. By Herod the Great (Matt 2:16-18)
 - c. By the lowly shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
 - d. By Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
 - e. By Anna (Luke 2:36-38)
5. A Son of the Law who fulfilled the Law (Luke 2:21-24; 41-52)
6. Baptized by the forerunner "to fulfill all righteousness"
 - a. To identify with man; to become sin (2 Cor 5:21)
 - b. To announce the onset of ministry
 - c. The Father sanctioned, the Son obeyed, the Spirit anointed
 - d. Confirmed as the Son of God (John 1:34)
7. His genealogy links Him with Abraham, Judah, David