

Systematic Theology session 24
Doctrine of Christ, Part 1

- The most important question that can be asked was asked by Christ: “But who do you say that I am?”
 - The people of the earth cannot ignore Christ, so just as in the days that Christ walked the earth, everyone today has their own answers to the question.
 - The true answer is Peter’s answer: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
 - Peter’s answer was revealed to him by the Father. Other answers are of flawed human reasoning:
 - The flawed answer that Jesus was a failed political leader.
 - The flawed answer that Jesus was only a teacher of morality.
 - The flawed answer that the “husk of the gospels” has to be stripped away to reveal the “historical Jesus.”
 - The flawed answers as coming from the noetic effects of sin, sin’s effect on man’s thinking.
- The names and titles of Christ.
 - The name of Jesus.
 - Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua.
 - The name means “Yahweh is salvation.” The very name reminds us constantly that Jesus is our savior.
 - The type of Christ presented 1500 years earlier in another Joshua, who led the Israelites into the land, and led them in their battles, culminating in rest from their wanderings, and rest from their enemies.
 - The original name of Joshua as Hoshea. I believe God led Moses to change Hoshea’s name to Joshua to point to Joshua’s work as a type of Jesus to come.
 - Another holder of the name Joshua was the high priest of Zechariah’s time.
 - This Joshua was cleansed in Zechariah’s vision, as a sign to the One to come, who is called “my servant” and “the Branch,” who cleanses us and removes our iniquity.
 - The Joshua of Zechariah’s time was symbolically crowned as king, even though he was high priest. This was a type of Christ, who is both king and priest.
 - The name/title of Christ.
 - The name/title of Christ as meaning the “anointed One.”
 - Anointing is to pour or smear oil on a person as a visible sign.
 - Sign that the person is authorized by God to carry out an office.
 - Sign that the person is qualified by God to carry out an office.
 - Sign that the person is empowered by God to carry out an office.
 - Christ is pictured in Psalm 133, in the person of the high priest, being anointed with the fullest measure of anointing oil.
 - The anointing oil was a type of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
 - Believers partake of this anointing of the Holy Spirit, who was sent by Christ to us.