

**The Gospel of Matthew #2****THE MEANING OF MESSIAH****Matthew 1:1, 16-18a**

Distinctive of Matthew's gospel: emphasis on Jesus as **Messiah**

I. What does it **mean**?

Christ = Messiah = Anointed One

Anointed by sprinkling or pouring with oil (eg I Sam 10:1)

II. What does anointing **do**?A. **D** \_\_\_\_\_

Eg David: I Sam 16:3, 12

So Matt 1: Jesus (1:17)

B. **C** \_\_\_\_\_

Sets aside for holy use to God

Eg: Tabernacle (Ex 40:9-11)                      Priests (Ex 40:12-16)

Under God's protection. So David will not lift his hand against Saul (I Sam 24 & 26)

So Matt 1: Jesus → (2:13-23)

C. Bestows **A** \_\_\_\_\_

Anointed ones have God's authority in their office

So Matt 1: Jesus → (egs 4:18-20; 7:28-29; 8:5-13, 27)

D. **E** \_\_\_\_\_

Bestows the Spirit to accomplish God's mission

Eg: Isa 61:1ff

So Matt 1: Jesus → (3:16-4:1 → 28:18-20)

Sum up: **Holy Power** residing in a man for a special mission

## III. What was used to anoint and why?

Sacred perfumed oil that carried rich meanings:

1. Prosperity & abundance (Psm 104:15)
2. Power & ability (Psm 92:10)
3. Light (Exod 35:8, 14, 28)
4. Bread/food (Exod 29:2, 23)
5. Health & Beauty (Psm 55:21; 109:18; Jas 5:14)  
Softened skin (Psm 104:15); cleansed (Ezek 16:9)  
Perfumed scent (Song 4:10)
6. Sacrifice (Lev 2:4-5; 14:12)
7. Joy & gladness (Psm 23:5; Isa 61:3)

See how Jesus is the fulfillment of each of these!

## IV. Who was anointed and why?

A. **Prophets**: reveal God & His will

Eg: Mt 7:28-9

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B. **Priests**: offer sacrifices for disobedient

Eg: Mt 20:28; 26:28

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C. **Kings**: rule for God & establish His Kingdom; protection

Eg: Mt 12:28, 42; 28:18-20

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## V. Are we messiahs too?

II Cor 1:21-22: **you** are anointed, with His Spirit in you as

- Prophets: to **declare** the Gospel and reveal God
- Priests to **intercede** for this world
- Kings to **rule** under Lord Christ, reclaiming the culture for Him

Catch the explosive claim of Matthew at the beginning of his Gospel, and watch to see him prove the claim.

Here is the One Who will definitively

- Speak for God and reveal what He is like
- Offer the final sacrifice for sin to reconcile His people to Himself
- Establish His Kingdom and rule it perfectly—*forever!*

Who is He to you?