

Who is Jesus?

Key Scripture-

Matthew 16.13-19, 24-26

GROW-

Luke 4.16-22 // John 1.29, 4.24-25

LIVE-

“But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

The word Messiah is the Greek word *Christos* which means “anointed one” and the Hebrew word *Masiah*, meaning “to smear or anoint.” It was a title, and an appointment that could refer to anyone who was anointed with holy oil; including priests and kings of Israel. The word carries an understanding of being set apart for the purposes of God, as well as being given a measure of His power to accomplish the work He has assigned. Abraham was a type of *masiah*, called and appointed by God to carry promises, to believe, to obey, and serve as the father of all nations who would welcome the Name of the *Masiah*. Moses was another type of *masiah*, or chosen one. He was set apart as a prophet and lawgiver, as well as a mediator between God and man, and would be the model for all prophets who spoke God’s Word. But the people still waited for the *Masiah*, the One Abraham “rejoiced at the thought of” and the One Moses was but a foreshadow. They waited for the One who would bring them into freedom, and deliver them from their oppressors. So for Peter to say, “You are the *Masiah*, the Son of the living God” was a declaration that the time of waiting was over.

Who is Jesus?

He is the long awaited *Masiah*. The *Christos*. The anointed, holy, chosen, appointed Son of the living God. The One who would free humanity from the bondage of sin and make redemption and reconciliation with God a reality.

LOOK-

Who do you say Jesus is? A great teacher of the law? A prophet? A religious leader? Or the *Masiah*, the *Christos*, the Savior of the world?

LOVE-

Jesus understood a proper revelation of who He is would lead to a right relationship with who God is. A revelation that could only be expressed by God. And the question He posed is one we all must answer. To say Jesus was, and is, the Messiah is to say He is the way to enter into a reconciled relationship with God, who saves us from eternal punishment, and brings restoration and hope to our soul.