

Christology: The Person and Work of Christ

Lesson 8: The Work of Christ – Jesus as the “Anointed One”

Statement of Belief: Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Second Person of the Trinity, was chosen by the Father to be our atoning sacrifice and the savior of God’s people.

Question #1: What is the biblical motif of “anointing”?

In the Old Testament certain people were chosen by God for specific purposes. They were then anointed with oil as a sign of their being chosen and set apart.

Examples:

- Aaron anointed as priest (Ex. 28:41)
- David anointed as king (1 Sam. 16:1-13)
- The coming king (Jesus) prophesied in OT (Psalm 45:6-7; cf. Heb. 1:8-9)

Question #2: How is Jesus God’s “anointed one”?

In Scripture we learn that Jesus was God’s “anointed one,” meaning he was chosen for a specific purpose.

Old Testament = Messiah
New Testament = Christ (Gk. *christos*)

That purpose was to be our atoning sacrifice, to be the savior of God’s people.

Question #3: What are some biblical references to Jesus as the “anointed one”?

Psalm 45:6-7 (cf. Heb. 1:8-9)
Isaiah 53:1-10 (the suffering servant)
Isaiah 61:1-2 (which Jesus quotes in Luke 4:16-30)
John 1:41 (we have found the Messiah)
John 4:25-26 (woman at the well knows about the coming Messiah)
Luke 4:16-19 (Jesus in the temple)
Matthew 16:16 (Peter identifies Jesus)
Acts 2:36 (God made Jesus the Christ)

Question #4: Was the crucifixion God's plan?

Because Jesus was God's Anointed One, we know that he was chosen specifically for the purpose of redemption. Jesus' death on the cross happened exactly according to God's plan. God ordained Jesus to die on the cross.

Acts 2:23—“this Jesus, *delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.”