

Messiah

*The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying:
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and
He will reign forever and ever! Revelation 11:15 HCSB*

Discover a treasure of Christmas by reflecting on the three capacities of
The Messiah, Jesus. Jesus Christ

Messiah - Both Old Testament and New Testament words translated as *Messiah* in your bible originate from a word that means *anointed*. In the Old Testament, being set apart to officially serve God in the role of Priest, Prophet, and King included being anointed with fragrant oil. This signified a unique ministry on behalf of the one true Sovereign and Holy God.

Christians believe Jesus is the ultimate *Messiah*, fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament, and raising from the dead proves that He alone perpetually fulfills the capacities of Priest, Prophet, and King.

Capacity of the Priest - The capacity to mediate between the Holy God and sinful people. Jesus is the ultimate Priest because the Messiah as God took human form.

Example of Anointing the Priest - Exodus 29

Hebrews 4:15 HCSB

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 10:10-14 HCSB

By this will of God, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all. Every priest stands day after day ministering and offering the same sacrifices time after time, which can never take away sins. But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. He is now waiting until His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering, He has perfected forever those who are sanctified.

Hebrews 4:16 HCSB

Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.

Going Deeper - Scripture to Explore for Christ the Priest:

- John 1:14 - What does it mean that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"?
- 1 Timothy 2:5 - How does the role of mediator relate to the concept of a priest?
- Isaiah 9:6 - Consider the implications of titles like "Wonderful Counselor" and "Mighty God" in light of Jesus' priestly ministry.
- Hebrews 8:1-6 - What are some key differences between the priesthood of Moses and the priesthood of Christ?

Capacity of the Prophet - The capacity to proclaim the good news (The Gospel)

Example of Anointing the Prophet - 1 Kings 19:16

Luke 4:16-21 HCSB

He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. As usual, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him, and unrolling the scroll, He found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me

to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on Him. He began by saying to them, "Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled."

Going Deeper - Scripture to Explore for Christ the Prophet:

- Deuteronomy 18:15 with Acts 3:17-26 - How does this demonstrate the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy in the life and ministry of Jesus?

- John 6:14 - What does this verse reveal about the people's understanding of Jesus's power and authority?
- Luke 4:16-23 - How does Jesus's reading from Isaiah in this passage connect to His own identity and mission?

Capacity of the King - The capacity to defeat sinful rebellion once and for all, and rule forever.

Anointing the King - 1 Samuel 16; 2 Samuel 2:4

Revelation 19:11-16 HCSB

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on His head. He had a name written that no one knows except Himself. He wore a robe stained with blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies that were in heaven followed Him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. A sharp sword came from His mouth, so that He might strike the nations with it. He will shepherd them with an iron scepter. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Going Deeper - Scripture to Explore for Christ the King:

- Isaiah 9:6 - How does this verse describe the nature of Jesus's kingship?
- Matthew 2:1&2 - Why did wise men from the East come to Jerusalem seeking the "King of the Jews"?
- Philippians 2:9-11 - What does this passage reveal about the extent of Jesus's authority and power?
- Luke 1:32&33 - How does this kingdom differ from earthly kingdoms?

Got Questions about Jesus as Priest, Prophet, and King?

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