

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHECK YOUR CALENDAR

**APR 09** Ladies Bible Class (10:30 am)  
**APR 10** Pizza & Bible Study (5:45; 6:30 pm)  
**APR 13** Men's Prayer Breakfast (8:00 am)  
**APR 15-17** ARK Encounter Trip (2:00 pm)

# BIBLE CLASSES

## FOR ALL AGES

After Worship Today & Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

**CENTRAL KIDS** Cradle roll - Pre-school (1st Floor)

**CENTRAL KIDS** Elementary (2nd Floor)

**CYG** Middle & High School (2nd Floor)

**ADULT** Multiple Class Options (1st Floor)



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# FINAL WORDS

MAJOR THEMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

**MESSIAH**  
**APRIL 07, 2024**

# Scripture Reading

## Matthew 16:13-18

“When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”  
(Matthew 16:13–18, NKJV)

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# The Big Idea

## Lesson Overview

God instructed Israel to anoint specific individuals for sacred tasks, particularly to serve as either a prophet, priest, or king (Ex. 28:41; 1 Sam. 10:1). The practice of anointing an individual for a unique position led to the concept of an “anointed one,” or Messiah (Ps. 2:2, 7).

The New Testament confirms Jesus as the “anointed one” bearing God’s Spirit over 500 times. Although Christ is used as a proper name for Jesus (Rom. 5:6; 6:4) and those who are “in Him” (Rom. 6:11, 23; 8:1), Christ is an affirmation of who Jesus is and what He came to do.

# Messiah

## Should We Look For Somene Else?

### WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- We are looking for a descendant of Eve (woman) to end the serpent’s influence (Gen. 3:14-15; 4:6-7).
- We are looking for a descendant of David (Judah) who will build a temple and rule over all nations (Gen. 49:8-12; 2 Sam. 7:11-16; Ps. 2; 110; Isa. 2:1-4; 11:1-9).
- We are seeking someone who can do God’s will without fault (Ps. 14:2-3; Ecc. 7:20; Isa. 53:6).

### WHY ARE WE LOOKING FOR THEM?

- Humanity has been unable to overcome the serpent’s influence from the beginning (Gen. 3:6; 16:1-4; 2 Sam. 11:2-5; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).
- Humanity needs someone to intercede for their sins (Ex. 32:30-33; 2 Sam. 24:17; Jn. 11:49-52).
- Humanity has lived with the consequences of the snake’s power to the present day (Gen. 3:16-19; Rom. 5:12; 8:20-22; Gal. 5:19-21).

### WHY SHOULD WE LOOK TO JESUS?

- Jesus was born of a woman and confirmed to be the Son of God (Mt. 1:22-23; 3:13-17; 17:5; cp. Lk. 2:11, 26).
- Jesus overcame the serpent’s influence and liberated people from its power (Mk. 1:9-13, 32; 3:22-27; Ac. 10:38).
- Jesus received the fatal wound from the serpent on the cross but overcame its power by His resurrection from the dead (Mt. 16:18, 21; Col. 2:15; Rev. 12:9-12).

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”