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# 50+ Sunday Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church  
Austin, TX

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*Because You Asked . . .*  
*Your Questions & Topics*

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# 50+ Schedule – Spring

Songs of Praise

Prayer

*“Because You Asked”*

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March

- **Please Register:**

Mon, 3/25 – **Biblical Art Tour** – at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 5455 Bee Cave Rd, 78746. 10:30 AM Tour of the Church & Dome. Prayer. 12:15 PM Mass. 1:00 PM Lunch at Lupe Tortilla.

April

- Mon-Tue, 4/22-23 – **Annual Retreat** – at the *TexasRetreat.com*  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Craig R. Higgins.

May

- Wed, 5/8 – **Bat Boat Cruise** – *lonestarriverboat.com* @ Congress Ave Bridge. 5 PM dinner. 7-8:45 PM cruise.

Isaiah 41:10

*Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

(NIV)

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!!!



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- ~ **390** – Born in Britain (western coast) to upper class parents
  - Father a deacon, grandfather a presbyter ... but perhaps more for Roman tax benefits than for sincere devotion
  - (Christianity likely brought by 1<sup>st</sup> C. Roman soldiers)
  - Roman Empire's hold on “Brittania” was crumbling

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- **430 ~ 460** – Patrick’s native church sent him as a missionary to Ireland, where he remained until his death
- Letter to Coroticus—*I, Patrick, a sinner, very badly educated, in Ireland, declare myself to be a bishop. I am quite certain that I received from God that which I am. I live among barbarian tribes as an exile and refugee for the love of God; God Himself is the witness that this is true.... I am compelled by zeal for God and the truth of Christ has aroused me out of affection for my neighbors and children for whom I have given up country and kinsfolk and my own life even unto death.*

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- Confession, 38—*Because I truly am a debtor to God, who gave me so much help that many people were reborn into God through me and afterwards were confirmed [baptized] and that clergy were ordained everywhere for them for a people who had recently come to belief whom God chose from the ends of the earth as long ago he had promised through his prophets...*

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- Like Joseph’s trials, God used Patrick’s slavery to bring blessing to his captors in later years.
- Consider how, throughout history, God has used tragic circumstances to spread his gospel.

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## Questions for Application—

- Where do you feel today as if you're a slave, a captive, or lost?
- Could God be preparing to bless others through you ... as you are His witness with a ministry mindset?
- How does *God* see your context?
- How might He want *you* to see it?

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*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*



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*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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*Because You Asked – 3/3/24*

- 1/7 – *Because You Asked #28* – Meaning of the Cross.
- 1/14 – *Because You Asked #29* – Meaning of Theology Terms.
- 1/21 – *Because You Asked #30* – Theology Terms II. Eucharist I.
- 1/28 – *Because You Asked #31* – Eucharist Distribution.
  
- 2/4 – *Because You Asked #31* – Intertestamental Period.
- 2/11 – Guest Teacher – Bo White - *John 1-3 Change Everything*
- 2/18 – *Because You Asked #31a* – How Israel Got to Today.
- 2/25 – *Because You Asked #31b* – Samaritans: History & Present
  
- 3/3 – *Because You Asked #31c* – Jews' Messianic Views: in OT
- 3/10 – Spring Break – No Class
- 3/17 – *Because You Asked #32* – Jews' Messianic Views: 70AD – P
- 3/24 – *Because You Asked #33* –
- 3/31 – Easter – No Class

***Because You Asked – 3/3/24***

## Church History

—Q31—What happened between the Old and New Testament?  
(Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC)

—Q31a—How did Israel get where it is today?

—Q31b—How did the Samaritans come to be? Any today?

—Q31c—**Explain the Jews' view of "Messiah"—then & today**

—Q32—Define & Distinguish: Coptic; Orthodox (Eastern, Greek, Russian); Roman Catholic; Protestant; Evangelical

—Q33—Are the following Christian?—Mormon? Jehovah's Witness? Christian Scientist? Scientologist? Unitarian? Deist?

## Church History—Q31c—...Jews' view of "Messiah"...

- John 5.39 – [to the Jews:] *You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very **Scriptures** that testify about me.*

## Church History—Q31c—...Jews' view of “Messiah”...

- Luke 24 - Road to Emmaus

:21 – *we had hoped that he was **the one to redeem Israel**. ...*

:25 – *“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the **[Messiah] Christ** should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets [i.e., Genesis to Malachi], he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the **things concerning himself.**”*

- **An Illustration: 2 Mountains**



# Church History—Q31c—...Jews' view of “Messiah”

## Summary

- *Messiah* (Hebrew: *mashiah*; Greek: *Christos*) = *anointed one*
- Appears directly ~ 50x in the OT, but many times indirectly
- In OT, *Messiah* is given to 3 different figures of ancient Israel
  - **Priest** – offers sacrifices for sin (Leviticus 4:3, 5, 16, 17)
  - **King** – brings justice & peace in ruling by God's will.  
Historical books (e.g., 2 Sam 7) & Royal Psalms (e.g., 2; 110)
  - **Prophet** – anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, not with oil like priests (for the Temple) & kings (for the kingdom)



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- Isaiah 11 – Messianic Age (**Peace & Prosperity**)
  - :1 – *a shoot shall grow out of the stump of Jesse...*
  - :2 – *the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him...*
  - :6 – *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb ...*
  - :12 – *he ...will assemble the banished of Israel & Judah ... from the four corners of the earth*
- Isaiah 53 – **Suffering** Sacrificial Sacred Servant

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Minor prophets show us Messianic prophecies of ...

- Hosea 3:5 – Israel's restoration
  - Joel 2:28-32 – promise of the Holy Spirit
  - Micah 4:1-8 - establishment of the Kingdom
  - Zechariah 2:10-13 – the Lamb on the throne
  - Zechariah 6:12,13 – a heavenly High Priest
  - Malachi 4:2,3 – the light of the world
- ... Just a fraction of the OT prophecies proclaiming the Messiah

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Gospels – expectation of Messiah comes through clearly ...

- Luke 2 – Simeon & Anna
- Matthew 2 – Magi ... *Messiah was to be born...in Bethlehem*
- John 1:20 – John the Baptist: *I am not the Messiah*
- John 1:41 – Andrew to Peter: *We have found the Messiah*
- John 4:25 – Samaritan woman at the well

## Church History—Q31c—...Jews' view of "Messiah"

*They worshipped him, but some doubted* (Matthew 28.17)

- Romans 11.8, 11—*God gave [Israel] a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day. ... [T]hrough [Israel's] trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.*

# Church History—Q31c—...Jews' view of "Messiah"...

## Post 70 AD

- For 2000 years, OT Jews believed in a messiah who would:
  - redeem the Jewish people ... resurrect the dead
  - ... rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem (Daniel 9.25)
  - ... usher in an era of perfect peace (Isaiah 11)
- After 70 AD, Torah scholarship (centered in Babylonia) developed Talmud (teachings) & Midrash (anthologies & commentaries), which described messiah (redeemer) as:
  - Military/political figure
  - Supernatural figure / abilities

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### Medieval Period (1000 – 1500 AD)

- Babylonian center of Torah learning fully de-centralized
- Sephardic (Spanish) Rabbi **Maimonides** (1138-1204)
  - *13 Principles of Faith* – included messiah in Jewish doctrine
  - *Mishneh Torah* – the true Messiah must:
    - Restore the Davidic kingdom's former glory
    - Conquer Israel's enemies
    - Rebuild the Temple & restore its animal sacrifice
    - Gather Jewish exiles back to the Land of Israel
- Roman Catholic domination of Western Europe brought great persecution of Jews (e.g., Spanish Expulsion of 1492)

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### Birth of Hasidic Judaism (early 1700's – 1800's)

- Video: [youtu.be/SX\\_TjEG4i4](https://youtu.be/SX_TjEG4i4)

### History of Reform, Conservative & Orthodox Judaism

- Video: [youtu.be/zUNpC9Vjftg](https://youtu.be/zUNpC9Vjftg)

## Church History—Q31c—...Jews' view of “Messiah”... today

### Contemporary Views

- Messianism is a prominent theme in modern Judaism, but many modern Jews reject belief in an *individual* messiah.
- Zionism has many messianic undertones that focus on national redemption—e.g., a popular prayer for Israel describes the nation's birth as the “dawn of our deliverance”
- Among Chabad Hasidism, some claim that their late leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, is in fact the messiah.



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## Contemporary Views

- Reformed Judaism rejects a messianism that's supernatural, sees Israel as the real Jewish home, and seeks to restore sacrificial worship (see 1885 Pittsburgh Platform)
- Reformed Judaism's 1999 update speaks of being partners with God in bringing about a “messianic age”

Next Class on 3/24/24

Prayer

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