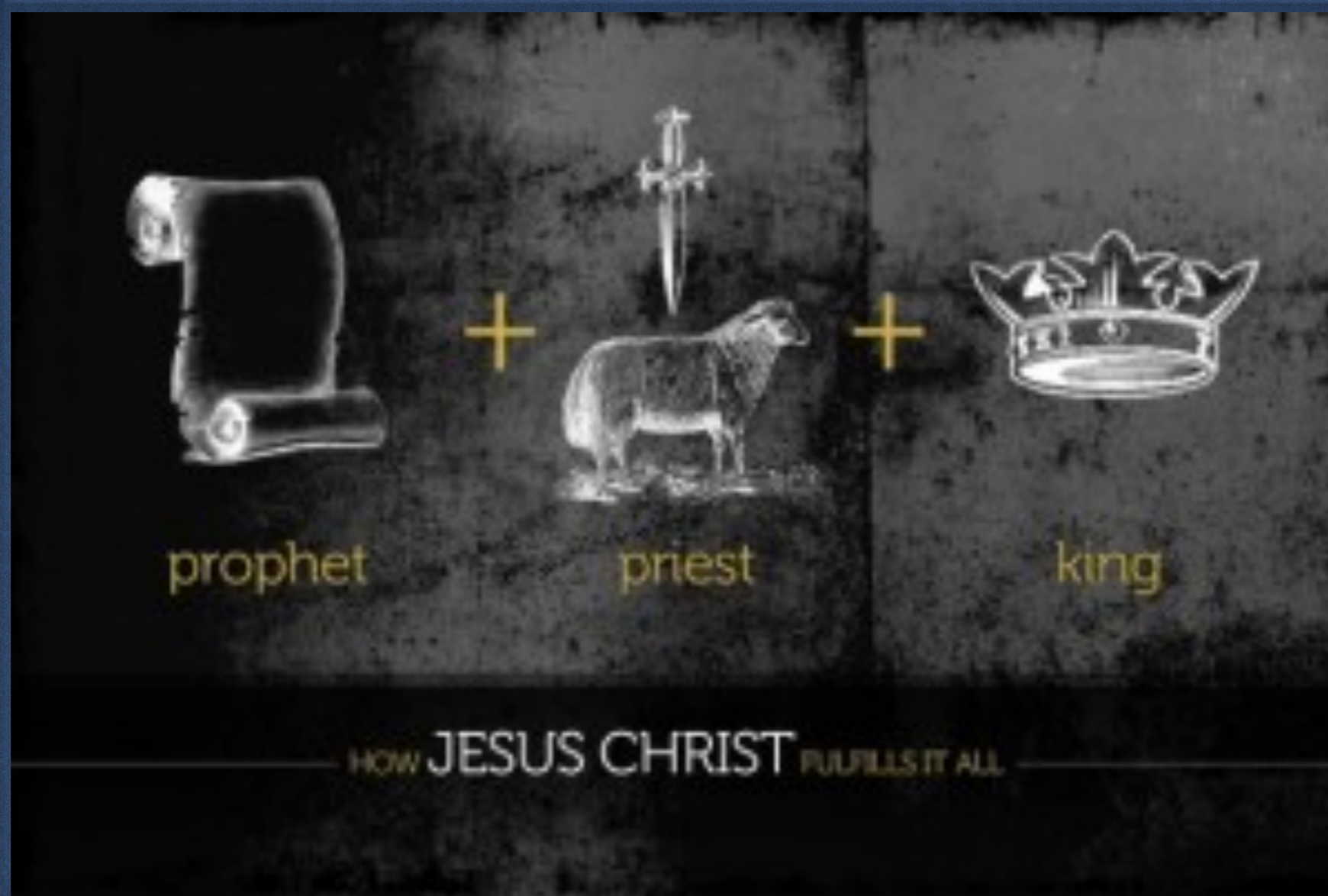


“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:21



The Ministry of Christ

What he has done, is doing, will do

Jesus as Prophet

The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.’” - John 4:19

Jesus as Prophet

- ✦ What is Prophecy/prophet?
- ✦ “**Prophecy** is the saying received directly from God and the prophet’s God-given ability to speak and write that saying.”
- ✦ **A prophet** is one who is speaking directly from God as a result of being
 - ✦ 1) Commissioned
 - ✦ 2) Enabled to do so.

Jesus as Prophet

- ✦ Predictions of Jesus
 - ✦ His death and resurrection (Matt. 16:21)
 - ✦ Peter's Denial (John 13:36-38)
 - ✦ Judas' Betrayal (John 6:70-71)
 - ✦ Jerusalem's Destruction (Matt 24)

Jesus as Prophet

- ✦ The Teaching of Jesus
 - ✦ **Biblical** - ALWAYS in accord with what had already been said (Deut. 18)
 - ✦ **Simple** - NOT SIMPLISTIC, but easy to understand
 - ✦ **Practical/Moral** - Demanded an answer/decision

Jesus as Prophet

- ✦ The Authority of Jesus
 - ✦ “Thus says the LORD” is **absent** from Jesus’ teachings
 - ✦ Everyone understood that he was speaking with more authority than a Rabbi (Matt 5:1; 7:28-29)
 - ✦ Jesus regularly assumed his own authority (Matt 5:22; 26; 28; 32; 34; 39; 44)

Jesus as Priest

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession” - Hebrews 4:14

Jesus as Priest

- ✦ **What is a priest?**
 - ✦ It is a “go-between”
 - ✦ An Intercessor
 - ✦ An Advocate
 - ✦ A Representative

Jesus as Priest

- ✦ The Purpose of Israel
 - ✦ To be a Nation of priests (Exodus 19:6)
 - ✦ To stay in the land and show the goodness of the Lord **so that** the nations would come to know and fear the Lord.
 - ✦ Abraham's seed was to bless all the nations of the world (Gen. 12:3)

Jesus as Priest

- ✦ In order to be a good advocate/intercessor/representative, what is the relationship between priest and parish?
- ✦ In order to relay the concerns of the parish to God, what must the priest be in order to approach the throne of God?
- ✦ How does this relate to Jesus' ministry as our Priest?

Jesus as Priest

- ✦ From what tribe did the priests come in the OT?
- ✦ What tribe is Jesus from?
- ✦ How can we reconcile this?
 - ✦ The Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7-8)

Christ as King

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as LORD ...

Jesus as King

- ✦ Man was created to be God's vassal king on the earth (Gen. 1-2)
- ✦ The first king (Adam) failed (Gen. 3)
- ✦ The promise of a new king to come was made (Gen. 3:15)
- ✦ This new one, whatever else he may be, **MUST** be a **KING!**

Jesus as King

- ✦ **Matthew's portrait of Jesus**
 - ✦ Matthew's purpose in writing his gospel is to portray Jesus as the long-awaited Davidic King of Israel.

Jesus as King

- ✦ Matthew begins his gospel with a genealogy (Matt. 1)
- ✦ The first antagonist is an imposter king (Matt. 2)
- ✦ Jesus begins his ministry from the perspective of a conqueror (Matt. 3)
- ✦ His preaching is concerned with his kingdom (Matt. 4:17)
- ✦ Jesus follows the conquest route of his king-like namesake

Map 3 THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN

- ▲ Philistine cities
- Cities of refuge
- (1,742) Elevation, in feet
- ? Exact location questionable

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Scale of Miles



4. In a northern thrust, Joshua moved from Gilgal all the way to Hazor (Josh. 11).

2. Joshua made peace with Gibeon, then moved through the Valley of Aijalon and defeated the five Amorite kings (Josh. 9-10).

1. Upon crossing the Jordan, Joshua camped awhile at Gilgal, then moved to take Jericho and Ai. Afterward he returned to Gilgal (Josh. 1-8).

3. From Makkedah, Joshua launched a southern campaign against Lachish, Hebron, Debir, and Gaza. Victorious, he returned to Gilgal (Josh. 10).

Jesus as King

- ✦ Jesus' highpoint is marked geographically as well as theologically (Matt. 16)
- ✦ His journey into Jerusalem is purposefully detoured (Matt 19)
- ✦ His entry is anything but "Triumphal" (Matt. 21)
- ✦ What does Jesus do upon entering his capital? (Matt. 21)

Jesus as King

- ✦ **Why then is Jesus not reigning?**
- ✦ What marks citizens of the kingdom?
- ✦ Who is supposed to make up the kingdom?
- ✦ Why did Jesus not bring the kingdom the week before his death?
- ✦ Why does the “Great Commission” not mention the kingdom?

Jesus as King

- ✦ How will Jesus return? (Rev. 19)
- ✦ What will Jesus do when he returns?
- ✦ What are some very real implications for **US** in light of Jesus' kingship?

The Work of Christ

What did Christ Accomplish on the Cross?

What is Atonement?

- ✦ **Atonement:** Satisfaction or reparation for a wrong or injury; amends.
- ✦ **Redemption:** Repurchase; Recovery by payment

The Need of Atonement

- ✿ The need for sacrifice
 - ✿ The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)
 - ✿ There can be no forgiveness without blood (Hebrews 9:22)
 - ✿ The first sin required blood (Genesis 3:21)

The Precedence for Atonement

- ✦ OT Sacrifice
 - ✦ Offending party slays the animal
 - ✦ No offering for a purposeful sin
 - ✦ Continual/annual offerings for atonement
 - ✦ Limitations of the “scape goat”

The Precedence for Atonement

- ✦ Limitations of the OT sacrificial system
 - ✦ Did nothing to actually pay for sin (Hebrews 9:28)
 - ✦ Temporary (Hebrews 10:3)
 - ✦ Did not change the nature of the person offering it (Hebrews 10:4)

The Precedence for Atonement

- ✿ The Superiority of Christ's Atonement
 - ✿ Made one time (Hebrews 7:27)
 - ✿ Far reaching (nations) (Isaiah 52:15)
 - ✿ The righteous one will carry the sins of many (Isaiah 53:11)
 - ✿ Volunteered instead of being enlisted (Isaiah 53:10)

What Happened on the Cross?

- ✦ Moral Influence?
- ✦ Ransome to Satan?
- ✦ Satisfaction for Insult?
- ✦ Penal Substitution?

The Extent of the Atonement

- ✦ **Universalism** - Christ paid for the sins of every last person Past, Present, and Future
- ✦ **Potential Universal Atonement** - The “tab” is paid in full for all/any who accept the payment
- ✦ **Particular Atonement** - Christ atoned for the sins of His elect alone