

*"He (Jesus) said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'" - Matthew 16:15 ESV*

The #1 most important question to ask and answer correctly: **WHO IS JESUS?**

*Matthew 16:13-17*

Who do you say Jesus is? \_\_\_\_\_

### Series Theme Verse:

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."  
- Luke 2:11 NIV*

### It's important to note...

- The Bible is rooted in **REAL** events *2 Peter 1:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7*
- If the events are not real, Christianity is **USELESS** *1 Corinthians 15:17, 19*
- There is plenty of evidence Jesus was a **REAL PERSON** outside of the Bible
- The writings of the Bible are **ACCURATE** and **RELIABLE**

### Understanding the term and significance of Messiah....

- From the Hebrew word meaning **ANOINTED ONE**
- **CHRIST** is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word
- The Messiah is the one **SENT** by God to **SAVE** His people
- Jesus is the Messiah...
  - ◇ Because he **FULFILLED** God's promises and prophecies of the Old Testament
  - ◇ Who came to **SAVE** us from our sins

### How Jesus forgives my sins...

- A - I **ADMIT** I need God's forgiveness *Romans 3:23; 6:26*
- B - I **BELIEVE** that Jesus is the Messiah *John 3:16-17; 20:31*
- C - I **CONFESS** that Jesus is Lord *Romans 10:9-10, 13*



## God's Promises in Genesis...

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." - Genesis 3:15 NIV*

*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,"  
- Galatians 4:4 ESV*

*"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." - Genesis 12:3 ESV*

*"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." - Matthew 1:1 "ESV*

## Prophecy #1 – The Messiah would be born of a virgin.

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14 ESV. (Approximately 700 BC)*

*"Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus." - Matthew 1:18-25 ESV*

## Prophecy #2 – The Messiah would be born into the family of King David.

*"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."  
- Jeremiah 23:5 ESV (Approximately 626 BC)*

*"Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph...the son of David," - Luke 3:23-31 ESV*

## Prophecy #3 – The Messiah would be born in the city of Bethlehem.

*"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." - Micah 5:2 ESV (Approximately 700 BC)*

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## **Prophecy #4 – The Messiah would live a life without committing any sins.**

*"And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth." - Isaiah 53:9 ESV (Approximately 700 BC)*

*"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth."  
- 1 Peter 2:21-22 ESV*

## **Prophecy #5 – The Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.**

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." - Zechariah 9:9 ESV (Approximately 500 BC)*

*"And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" - Luke 19:28,35-38 ESV*

## **Prophecy #6 – The Messiah would be tortured and crucified.**

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."  
- Isaiah 53:5 ESV (Approximately 700 BC)*

*"For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet."  
- Psalm 22:16 ESV (Approximately 1000 BC)*

*"Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged[a] Jesus, delivered him to be crucified."  
- Matthew 27:26 ESV*

*"And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left." - Luke 23:33 ESV*

## **Recommend Resources:**

[What You Need to Know About Jesus](#) by Max Anders (192 pages)

[More Than a Carpenter](#) by Josh McDowell (192 pages)

[Evidence that Demands a Verdict](#) by Josh McDowell (880 pages)

[The Case for Christ](#) by Lee Strobel (336 pages)

