



Come. Follow. Me.
Jesus's Invitation of Life
#11 – Jesus the Messiah (Luke 9:18-20)

“Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say I am?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.’ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘God’s Messiah.’”
 – Luke 9:18-20 (New International Version)

What is a “Messiah”?

1. “Messiah” means “_____” in Hebrew. In Hebrew religious practice, prophets (1 Kings 16:19), priests (Exodus 29:7,29), and kings (1 Samuel 16:3,12,13) were ceremonially set apart for their work by having their heads anointed with oil. The Koiné Greek equivalent is “Christ.”
2. In prophecy, God promised a great King, High Priest (Psalm 110:1-7), and Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15,18) who would be the ruler and savior of the world. Psalm 2:2 gives this Savior the title “_____.”

How do we know Jesus is the Messiah?

1. The disciples believed Jesus was the Messiah even _____ the crucifixion and resurrection because they heard His teaching and saw the miracles daily that confirmed the Messianic depiction of Isaiah 61:1-2 (cf. Luke 4:14-21).
2. Each of the four Gospels opens with a clear acknowledgment of Jesus being the Messiah (Matthew 1:1; Mark 1:1; Luke 2:11; John 1:41). _____ His Messiahship is why they were written (John 20:310).
3. What is the evidence for Jesus being the Messiah?
 - a. Prophecies fulfilled – 60 major; _____ in total. The event we celebrate today, Palm Sunday, is a prime example.
 - i. This is the only _____ included in all four Gospels aside from the miracles of the feeding of the 5000+ and the resurrection (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19).
 - ii. By riding into town on a donkey Jesus explicitly fulfills the messianic prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. The donkey was a symbol of humbleness and _____, as opposed to the image of a conquering war hero riding a stallion.
 - iii. The crowd shows honor only given to royalty and they shout praise reserved for the Messiah. *Hosanna* is an Aramaic word meaning “please _____” or “please _____.” It became an exclamation of praise for God as the One who is the source of assistance (Psalm 118:25-26).

- b. “Convincing _____” (Acts 1:3):
 - i. Proof #1 – the _____. Preached by eyewitnesses (Acts 2:32; Luke 1:2; 1 John 1:1-3).
 - ii. Proof #2 – _____ from Scripture (Luke 24:27). Including the “plot twist” of the Messiah having to suffer and die (Luke 22: 44-46; cf. Psalm 22; Isaiah 53).
 - iii. Proof #3 – Changed lives (Romans 1:16).

What does Jesus as Messiah mean for us?

1. Prophets were those called by God to speak on His behalf. As prophet...

- a. Jesus spoke the words of God; therefore, we _____.

“Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.’”
 – John 14:8-11 (NIV)

- b. Jesus spoke the words of eternal life; therefore, we _____ them (John 6:64b-69).

- c. Jesus spoke truth (John 14:6); therefore, we accept and _____.

2. Priests offered prayers and sacrifices for people. As priest...

- a. Jesus offered His body and blood as the _____ sacrifice.

“Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.” – Hebrews 7:27 (NIV)

- b. Jesus suffered; therefore, He _____ with us.

“For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” – Hebrews 2:17-18 (NIV)

- c. Jesus _____ extends mercy and grace to us.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”
 – Hebrews 4:15-16 (English Standard Version)

3. Jesus’ kingdom is “not of this world” (John 18:36). Instead, it is “within you” (Luke 17:21). Trusting in Jesus’ sacrifice recognizes Him as Savior; being transformed by His truth and following Him wholeheartedly acknowledges Him as Lord (_____).