

# What Messiah Means to Us Today



*Christ Centered, Holy Spirit Empowered, Love Focused*

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**Main Text: John 4:25-26**

(Note all scripture references are from the New King James version on the Bible)

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**John 4:25-26** The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

### Introduction:

1. Messiah means the "anointed one"
2. In Hebrew the same word was used when referring to the priest or the King of Israel.
3. It was also used to refer to the divine agent of Israel's deliverance which was yet to come.
4. Westminster's Bible Dictionary further describes the Messiah as "the anointed one" – "Empowered by God's resident spirit to deliver his people and to establish his kingdom."
5. Smiths Bible Dictionary goes on to clarify that "The true messiah was to be an instrument by whom God's great purpose to man was to be carried out by a sacrificial work."

### Body:

1. What does messiah mean to us today?
  - a. Prior verses in chapter 4 of John we see:
    - i. Jesus departed Judea and headed for Galilee because the Pharisees rejection of Him.
    - ii. His journey passed Him thru Samaria where he met the women at the well.
      1. Samaria
        - a. An area where the 10 tribes (the Northern Kingdom) occupied when the nation of Israel divided.
        - b. Latter had been overthrown by Gentile nations which moved into the territory.
        - c. The gentiles brought in their idolatrous religions and influence
        - d. Jews began to intermix with and married Gentiles thereby defiling themselves.
        - e. The Samaritans (Jews & Gentile alike) were rejected by the Jews of the southern Kingdom.
        - f. This rejection brought persecution and prejudice against the Samaritans.
    - iii. Through His discourse with the Samaritan women (recorded in verse 7-26 of John chapter 4) Jesus states:
      1. Verse 10 that He would provide "living water"
      2. Verse 14 that the water He had to offer would become in the partaker well of water springing up to everlasting life"
      3. Verse 18 He recognized her sin

4. Verse 23-24 He provided the formula for approaching God “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
  5. Verse 26 He identified the means for forgiveness of sins and approaching God when He said in response to her statement about the Messiah by stating “I who speak to you am *He*.”
- b. So what does the Messiah mean to us today?
- i. To the Jew the Messiah was the expected deliverer, in John chapter 10 & 14 Jesus portrayed Himself as the deliverer when He stated He would provide “living water” “unto everlasting life”. He brought deliverance from sin and death.
  - ii. To the Jew, the Messiah was to be the anointed one. Jesus was the anointed one within whom Gods’ spirit dwelt. The Holy Spirit descended upon Him at His baptism. And Jesus stated “I and the father am one”
  - iii. To the Jew the Messiah was to be the Son of David. Joseph, Jesus’ father was descended from the lineage of David.
  - iv. Smith’s bible Dictionary indicates that to the Jew the Messiah was to fulfill Gods’ purpose by sacrificial means. Jesus Christ carried Himself to Calvary where he provided the only acceptable sacrifice, he gave Himself for the sins of all mankind.
  - v. To the Jew the Messiah was to be the Coming King. In John 18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world...” The New Testament further tells us that Jesus is the Coming King – not only will he fulfill Gods’ covenant with the Jews as their coming king but he is also the Coming King of all man.

## Conclusion:

1. As a whole the Jewish religious leaders rejected their Messiah because they missed that these requirements were met in the person of Jesus Christ. Praise God that we know Him as Messiah and that he is available to us today!
2. What does the Messiah mean to us today? It means Jesus, for Jesus is our:
  - a. Deliver from Sin and Death!
    - i. Romans 11:25-27 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “*The Deliverer will come out of Zion And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;* <sup>27</sup> *For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.*”
    - ii. 1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren...
  - b. Anointed one who dwells within and meets our every need.
    - i. Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

- c. Savior who gave Himself that we may obtain life and that we may have life more abundantly.
  - i. John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.
  - ii. Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
- d. Coming King who will set up His kingdom and reign for evermore.
  - i. John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.
  - ii. 1 Timothy 6:14-16 that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, <sup>15</sup> which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.