

In Exodus 30:22-33, God gave the children of Israel instructions for making "holy anointing oil." This oil is used to anoint the tabernacle, all its furniture, Aaron the high priest and his sons. Throughout the history of Israel, God selects men to be anointed: kings like David (1 Sam. 16:12-13) and Solomon (1 Kings 1:39) and prophets like Elisha (1 Kings 19:16). This anointing process visibly declares the approval of God. These "anointed ones" are set apart for the function He defined.

The noun "anointed one" is "mashach" (Messiah) in Hebrew and "christos" (Christ) in Greek.

Prophets like Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, who would come to establish His kingdom and save the world from sin. This Messiah would be Prophet, High Priest, and King. In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus claims to fulfill the prophecy of the Messiah spoken of in Isaiah 61:1-2. He is "anointed" by God to preach, heal and set at liberty those held captive by Satan.

Many times we refer to Jesus of Nazareth as Jesus Christ. Jesus is not His first name and Christ His last name. Both are descriptions of who He is: Jesus = Savior and Christ = the Anointed One.

John's Testimony

1.	According to John the baptizer, what is Jesus' God given job (John 1:29-34)?
2.	Upon what basis does John believe these facts about Jesus to be true (John 1:30-34)?
3.	At His baptism, with what does God anoint Jesus (Acts 10:37-38)?

	A. How does the Father audibly confirm His selection of Jesus as His Messiah (Luke 3:21-22)?
4.	When Jesus began His ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth, He read from Isaiah 61:1-2. What is He "anointed" by the Spirit to do (Luke 4:16-21)?
	Jesus in Samaria
5.	In the beginning of John 4, Jesus speaks to a woman of Samaria. What does she come to believe about Jesus? Why (John 4:15-19)?
6.	After asking Jesus a question about worship, of whom does the woman ask (John 4:25)?
	A. What does she say the Messiah would be able to do?
7.	What claim does Jesus make (John 4:26)?
8.	When the woman went into the city to tell of Jesus, what does she say He did (John 4:29)?
9.	After speaking with Jesus themselves, what do the Samaritans come to believe about Jesus (John 4:42)?
10.	Put this claim of Jesus, "I am He", in your own words.
11.	How does this truth help form your concept of Jesus as the Son of God?