

# THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

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# CHRIST THE PROPHET

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Week 7

# REVIEW: WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

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1. Fully God
2. Fully Man
3. Only one Person (not two) and not a mixture (e.g. brass), it is a personal union (*Hypostatic*)

# PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION

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- Salvation of sinners
- Manifest God to man
- Manifest man as he was created to be

# REVIEW: WHAT IS A MEDIATOR?

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- A mediator in the NT is “middle man,” in the sense of “go-between”
- A mediator can stop hostility between two sides





# REVIEW: HOW CHRIST MEDIATES

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- Christ is a Mediator by who He is: God and man
- Also a Mediator by what He does: Offices
- Because Christ is the God-man He can be the one to bring God and man together

# REVIEW: WHY GOD?

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- That He might be sustained under the Divine wrath and death (Acts 2:24-25; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 9:14)
- To give infinite worth to His sufferings, obedience and intercession (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 7:25-28).

# REVIEW: WHY MAN?

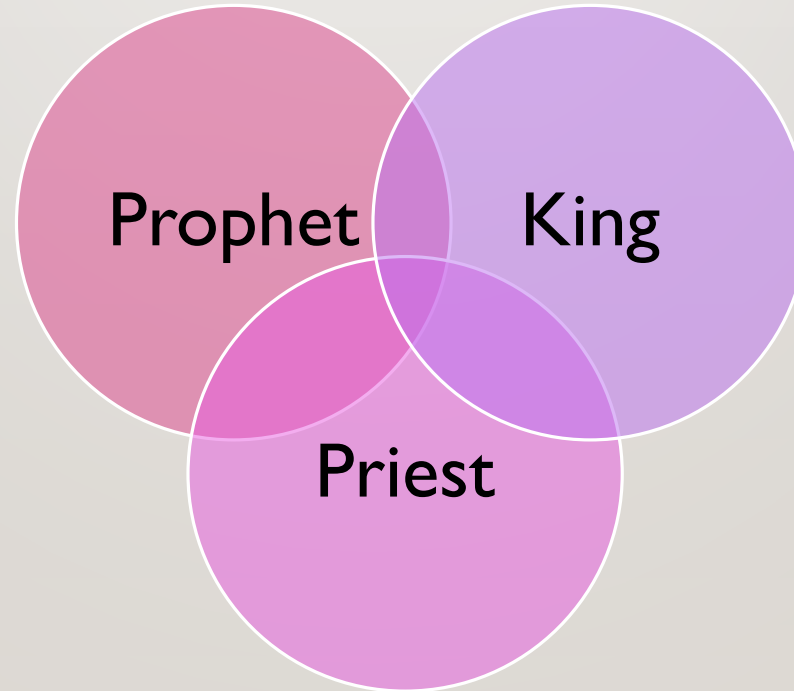
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- To perform obedience (Gal. 4:4)
- To suffer in our own nature (Hebrews 2:14; 9:22)
- In order to have sympathy (fellow-feeling) with us (Hebrews 4:15)



# CHRIST'S OFFICES

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# **CHRIST THE PROPHET**

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- The prophet is a mediatorial office— He brings the message of God to man
- God's megaphone to His people



# JESUS IS THE MESSENGER

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- No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, **he has made him known.** (John 1:18)
- All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom **the Son chooses to reveal him.** (Matthew 11:27)



# PROPHET: MESSAGE AND MEANS

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- The **message**— the will of God for our salvation and edification
- The **means**— His Word and Spirit





# BRINGING THE MESSAGE

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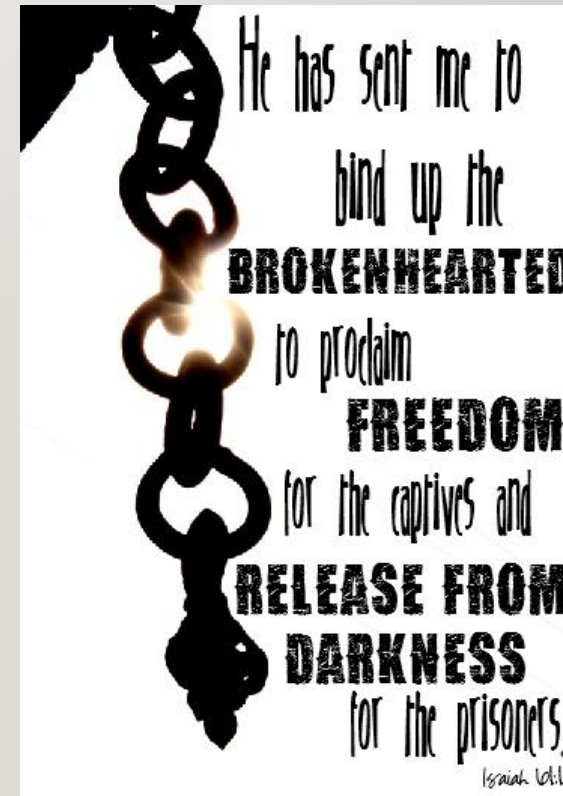


- God is not silent! He speaks to His people (you!!)
- The greatest message-bringer is Jesus
  - Hebrews 1:1-2
  - John 1:18
  - John 15:15

# BRINGING THE MESSAGE

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- Jesus brings a message of:
  - Hope
  - Freedom
  - Comfort



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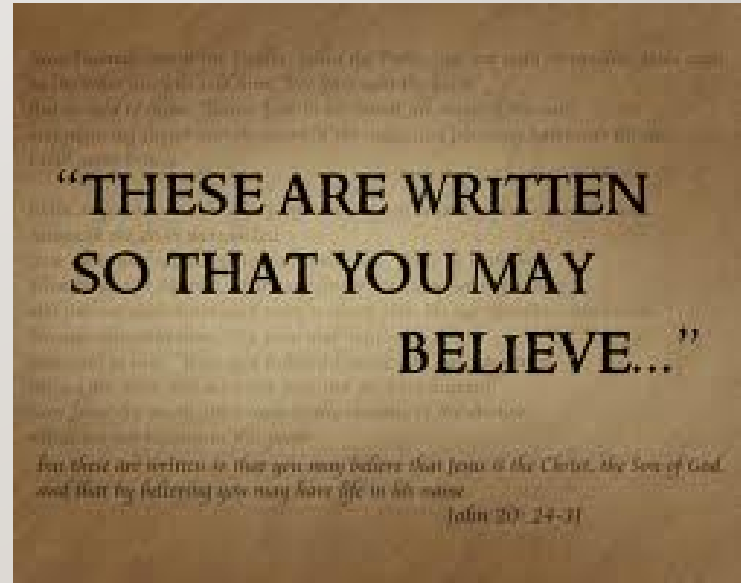
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- The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; (Isaiah 61:1–2; cf. Luke 4:18)

# BRINGING THE MESSAGE

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- Jesus brings a message of:
  - Faith
  - Life





# THE MESSAGE – FAITH & LIFE

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- These are written so that **you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing **you may have** life in his name. (John 20:31)



# JESUS KEEPS SPEAKING!

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- And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, (Ephesians 4:11–13)

# THE MEANS

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- God the Holy Spirit speaks
- He is the Spirit of Christ
- He speaks by the prophets



# THE MEANS

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- Concerning this salvation, **the prophets** who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time **the Spirit of Christ** in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who **preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. (1 Peter 1:10–12)

# THE MEANS

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- The Bible
- And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32)



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NEXT WEEK

