

MESSAGE 2:
JESUS THE CHRIST

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: John 1:35-42 (NASB)

³⁵ Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

MESSAGE GOAL: The goal of this message is to introduce you to the name of Jesus that is a title, "Christ," the Messiah of Anointed One, and show you how you can put the power of His anointing to work in your life.

INTRODUCTION: My given name is Tony. Most people know me as Tony Evans. This name is my self-identification, and I will always answer to it when I hear it.

Sometimes people will also address me by a title, whether reverend or pastor, or perhaps even brother. When people address me in this way, they are referencing my role and responsibility as the pastor of this church. And many times, people will combine my personal name with my title as a fuller expression of who they consider me to be.

When it comes to Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, the full biblical expression of His name and identity is the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, people say the three names together, as the biblical authors did on occasion. But at other times, the names are separated. Sometimes, you just read "Jesus." Other times, He is called "Jesus Christ," "Christ," or "Lord." Each expression has a unique nuance to it.

In our first message of this series on the names of our Savior, we focused on His personal name, "Jesus," meaning the Savior or Deliverer who came to save His people from their sins. Our

focus today is on the title "Christ," which speaks of Jesus' role as the Messiah or Anointed One of God.

SERMON POINTS:

1. JESUS' COMING AS THE LONG-EXPECTED MESSIAH OF ISRAEL IS A THRILLING REMINDER THAT GOD'S KINGDOM PURPOSES WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED:

- The word "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word "Messiah," both of which mean "the anointed one."
- This term appears over 500 times in the New Testament, which tells us something about how much Israel was looking forward its Messiah.
- God also made certain promises to Israel and to the world that would be fulfilled by the reign of the Messiah.
- John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the highly anticipated One (John 1:29), and Andrew went to Peter with the good news (v. 41).
- Jesus identified Himself as "the Christ" to the two disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:25-27).
- Christ's genealogies prove the legitimacy of His claim to be Messiah and descendant of King David who will one day rule as King over the earth (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38).

2. CHRIST'S ANOINTING AS PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING BRINGS HUGE, ETERNAL BENEFITS FOR US:

- In the Bible, to receive an anointing signaled that the person being anointed was qualified for the office he was to assume, and that he had God's blessing.
- In the Old Testament, prophets, priests and kings were anointed for service—all in anticipation of the Messiah, who would fulfill all three in Himself.
- Jesus is the great Prophet, the spokesperson for God (Deuteronomy 18:15-19).
- When Jesus spoke, it was as if God His Father was speaking. Jesus not only spoke God's Word, He was and is God's Word (John 1:1; Hebrews 1:1-2).

