

JESUS AS THE MESSIAH

- 1. Deep down, we all know we need a Messiah. We all have a “messiah complex.”**
- 2. Substitute messiahs abound, but they always let us down.**
 - a. “[A]ll Messianic trends considered Christianity...as the arch-enemy. Indeed they triumphantly proclaimed themselves substitutes for it. Their own message of salvation was utterly incompatible with the basic Christian doctrine...and its denial of man’s power to attain salvation by his own exertions.”¹
 - b. Obama was a messiah figure to some; Trump is a messiah figure to others.
 - c. Utopias without the Messiah and a renewed humanity will always fail.
- 3. To be the Messiah, Jesus had to be David’s son, yet greater than David. He was.**
 - a. **Lk 20:41-44** 41 [Jesus] said to [the scribes], How can they [the rabbis] say that the Messiah is David’s son? 42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, 43 until I make your enemies your footstool. 44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?
- 4. Peter was the first to officially recognize Jesus as the Messiah.**
 - a. Mt 16:13-20
 - b. **Mk 8:27-29** 27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, Who do people say that I am? 28 And they told him, John the Baptist. And others say, Elijah. And others, one of the prophets. 29 And he asked them, But who do you say that I am? Peter answered him, You are the Messiah.
- 5. Because of Israel’s rejection, Jesus was reluctant for people to know he was the Messiah.**
 - a. Mt 16:13-20
 - b. **Mk 8:30** 30 [Jesus] strictly charged [the disciples] to tell no one about him.
- 6. The most improbable people were the ones who recognized Jesus as the Messiah.**
 - a. Mt 20:29-34
 - b. **Lk 18:35-40** 35 As [Jesus] drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. 38 And he cried out, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me!
(1) Like the blind man, we all need the mercy of Messiah Jesus.
(2) Like the blind man, we are to cry out for Messiah Jesus.
- 7. We must believe Jesus is the Messiah in order to be justified and have eternal life.**
 - a. **Jn 20:30-31** 30 Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this book [the gospel of John]. 31 But these are written so that you may

¹ J. L. Talmon, quoted in H. Schlossberg, *Idols for Destruction*, 229.



believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Notes

Acts 3:19-21 19 Repent...and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.