

Advent Devotions - Jesus is the Christ

❑ Monday - Yeshua ha Meshiha.

Messiah is the Old Testament Hebrew equivalent of the New Testament Greek word *Christos*, which means “anointed one.” The woman at the well said to Jesus, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” And Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He” (John 4:25-26). Jesus is “the Christ” (Mt. 16:15-16), *Yeshua ha Meshiha*, Jesus the Messiah. “Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you” (Acts 3:19-20). Read Matthew 16:13-16

❑ Tuesday - The Anointed One.

The ancient Hebrews anointed their prophets (1 Kgs. 19:16), priests (Ex. 30:30), and kings (1 Sam. 10:1, 16:13) with oil for their respective offices. These three offices governed all of life in Hebrew society. Likewise, Christ has been anointed with the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:16), as the final Prophet, Priest, and King over God’s people. May His government extend over every area of your life. Read John 14:15, 21

❑ Wednesday - Jesus, the Final Prophet.

The angel announced, “For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk. 2:10-11). No greater words than these have ever graced the lips of angels! Christ, the anointed Prophet, Priest and King in One, had arrived! In all His offices He has no successor. He is called “*The Prophet*” (Jn. 6:14, 7:40), for He is the *final* prophet to mankind (Heb. 1:1-2). The prophet’s job was to point to Christ, and when Christ arrived, their job was done. They prophesied the Word, but Jesus *is* the Word (Greek: *Logos*), the final Word of God to man (Rev. 19:13). May Christ’s Word, the Bible, have the final word in your life. Read John 1:1-14

❑ Thursday - Jesus, the Final Priest.

Jesus Christ is the only Priest for mankind, rendering every other earthly priesthood, not only obsolete, but unauthorized. “For there is one God, and *one* Mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5). Christ has been anointed “the Mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises” (Heb 8:6). Take your confessions and your petitions to Christ today. He is a sympathetic and merciful high priest. Read Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:14-16, 7:25

❑ Friday - Jesus, the King of kings.

An angel announced to Mary, ‘behold, you will bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end’” (Lk. 1:30-33). Here was Mary’s dilemma: The angel had told her that her Son was a king – she had God’s word on it. But everything Mary experienced seemed to point the other direction: The angel said, “He will be great,” yet Mary gave birth to Jesus in the worst of conditions. The angel said, “He will be called the Son of the Most High,” instead the people said He was possessed by Beelzebul (Mk. 3:22). The angel said He would reign on the throne of David forever, but she saw Him die in the prime of life. She saw no crown and no kingdom, only hardship and persecution. Which would she believe, her experience or God’s Word? Christian, we walk by faith not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). We are not waiting for Christ to be crowned; He is, right now, the King of kings. His kingdom, now invisible and spiritual (Lk. 17:21. KJV), will one day be established on earth (Dan. 2:35; 2 Pet 3:13). Treasure these things in your heart, but proclaim them with your mouth: The King of kings has been born in Bethlehem! Let Him reign in your heart today! Read Revelation 17:14, 19:16