

- Jesus Christ
  - completely familiar to us, so sometimes we don't really think about it.
  - there's an assumption that we just know who this is and what it means.
- Thoughts:
- Seems to focus on understanding that Jesus isn't just a miracle worker, nor is he just a prophet (speaking the words of God), rather he is the Christ the son of God.

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- background explaining the meaning and importance of “the Christ”

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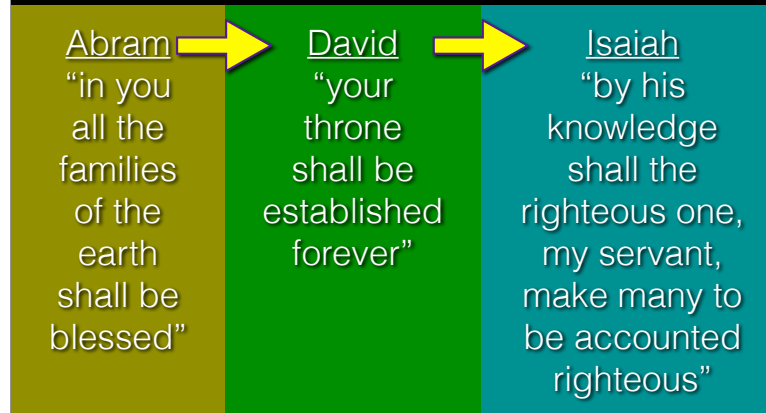
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- Promise to David: King on throne forever

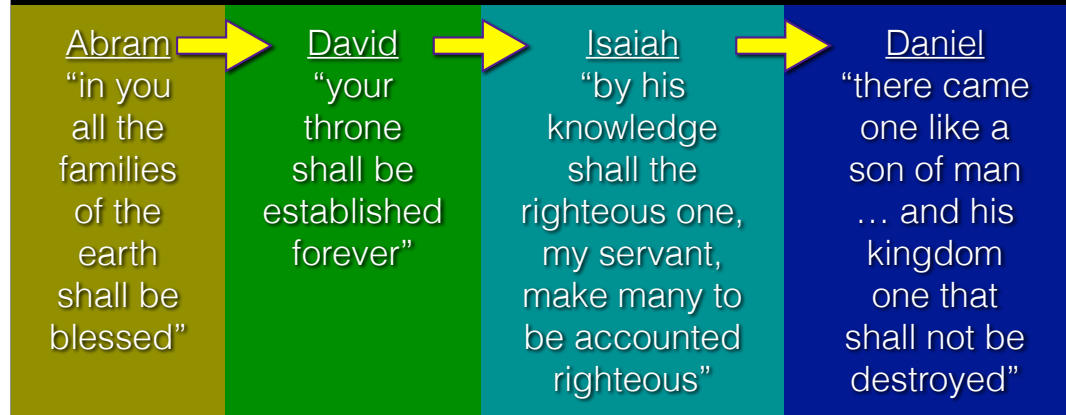
- 2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV) 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

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- Isaiah: the suffering servant
  - Isaiah 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?
  - Isaiah 53:11 (ESV) 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

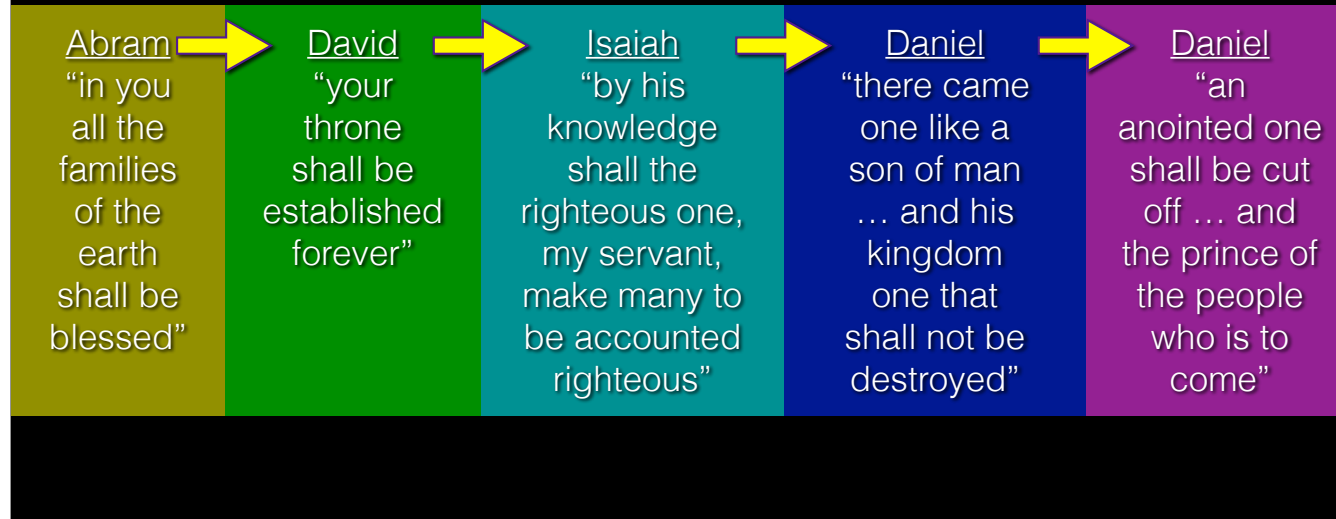
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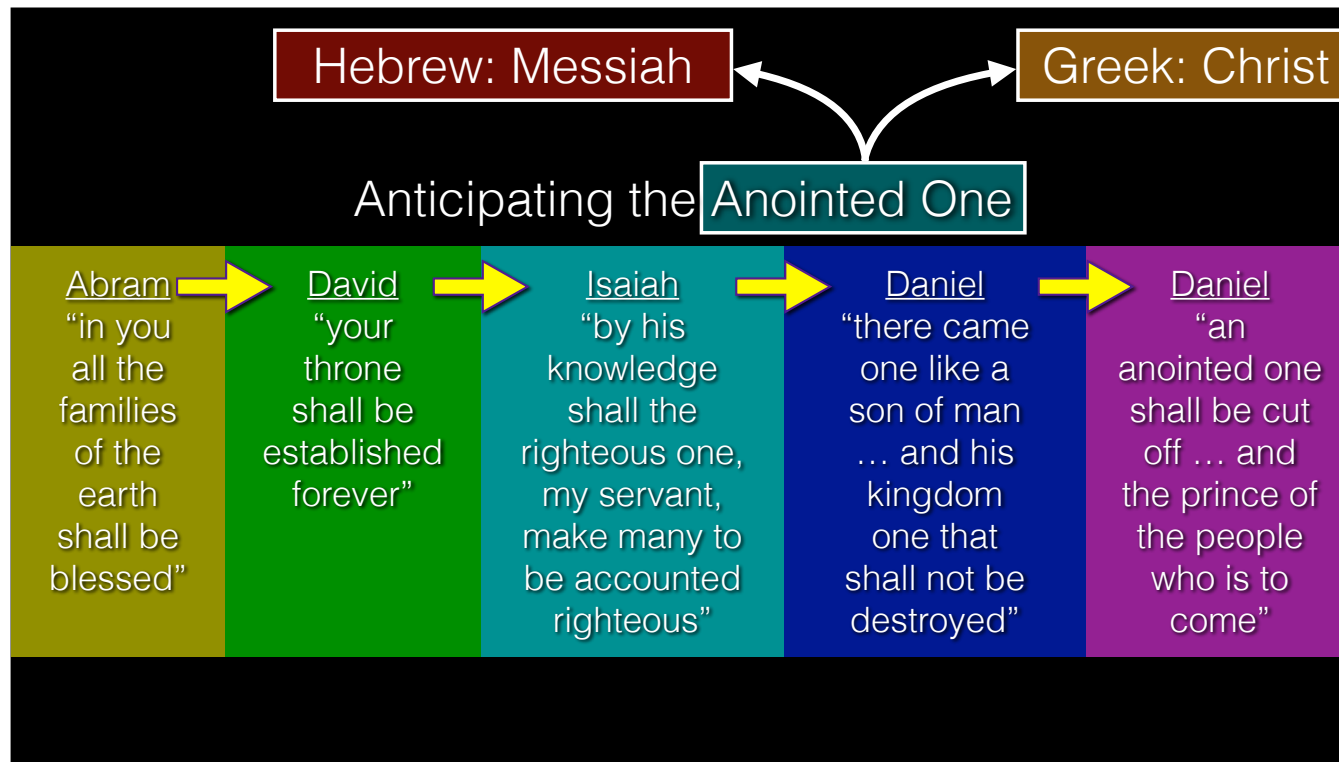
- Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV) 13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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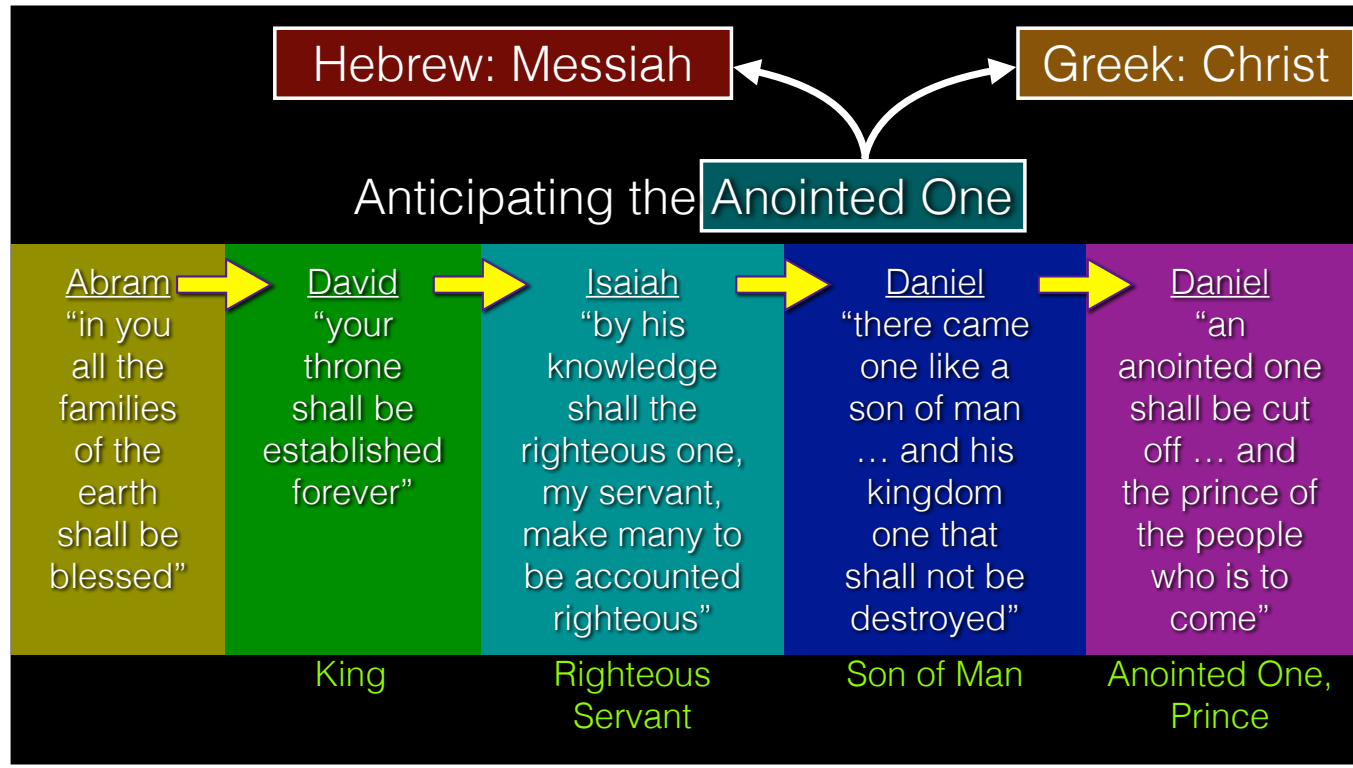
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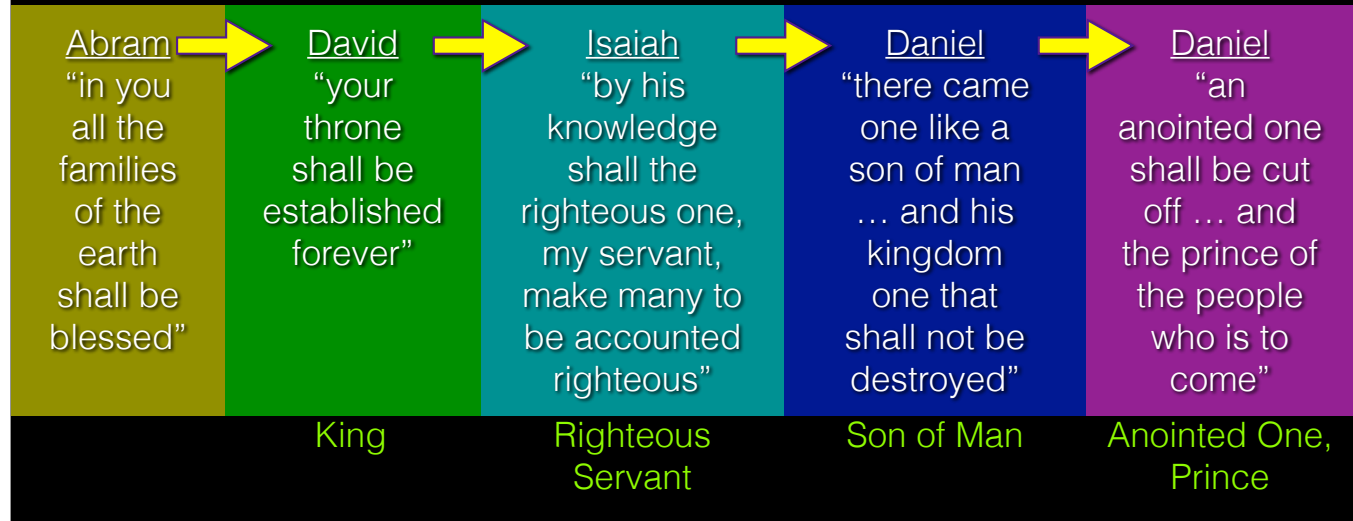
- Someone special and wonderful is coming!



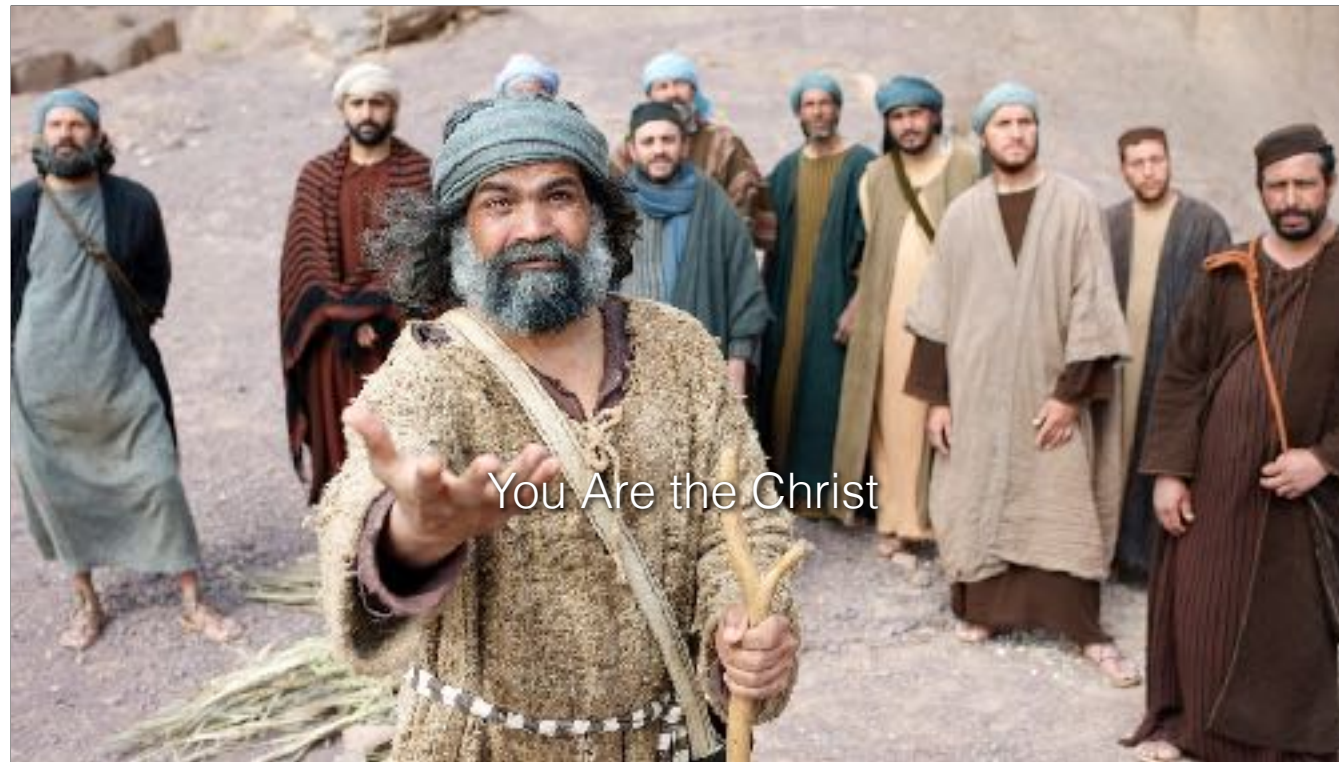


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- “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-23)
- Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar- Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”



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- Why did the people think these things about Jesus?
  - Prophet: delivering messages from God
  - Miracles: amazing wonders and powers displaying God's care for his people
- What are some modern responses to this question?
  - Moral teacher
  - Prophet (one of many)
  - Like other religious teachers: Buddha, Mohammed
  - How is Jesus different from each of these? Why is this important?



- He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”
- Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
- “You are the Christ.”
  - How had Peter come to this conclusion? What had he seen?
    - Miracles, Words
    - Fulfilled prophecies and scriptures?





- For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.
  - Did he know about Jesus' genealogy, descended from David?
  - Born of a virgin: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
    - Immanuel: God with us:
      - Explain significance of being the son of the living God as Peter may have understood it.
- What was Peter really thinking at this point?
  - ?
  - If typical ... his understanding was still partial and very focused on a kingdom of God on earth like David's (or better?)



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- From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
- Jesus tries to help the disciples understand that he must die ... The Christ must die!
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- Why did Peter oppose Jesus’ statement that He would be killed so boldly?
  - Expectations of his time and limited understanding of the Scriptures.
  - We often face the same issue ...



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- What so does this teach us about the extent of Peter's understanding?
  - He's said the right words ... but he has further to go to know what is happening.
  - And he's having a hard time listening to what Jesus is saying
- Peter's rebuke
  - Bold and misguided.
  - Peter thought he was helping Jesus!





- But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
- So Jesus had to explain again ... to see the world, to see the kingdom, to the Christ clearly.
  - Man’s way: power, glory, exaltation, winning: self
    - Certainly not suffering and dying.
  - God’s way: sacrifice, love, others, giving: others



- “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:1-10)
- And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.



- And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
- What is the significance of Jesus' transfiguration?
  - John 1:14 (ESV) 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



- 2 Peter 1:16-18 (ESV) 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.





- What is the significance of Jesus speaking with Moses? and Elijah?
  - Moses - Law (hear, do, blessing)
  - Elijah - Prophet (teach, help, admonition, miracles)
- Who is Jesus?
  - Greater than others, certainly.
  - But isn't there more to this than just "better"





- It isn't about degree but different in nature: Deity
  - 2 Peter 1:16-18:
    - Power
    - Coming (messiah?)
    - Majesty
    - Honor
    - Glory



- And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”
- “Lord, it is good that we are here”
  - Peter’s conclusion “exalts” Jesus to the same level as Moses and Elijah.
  - He’s seems to indicate a greater respect for Jesus because of this ... understandable!
  - But Peter doesn’t go far enough.



Lord, It Is Good that We Are Here

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- Pleasing Son ...

- Hebrews 3:1-6 (ESV) 1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3 **For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses**—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but **Christ is faithful over God's house as a son**. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.





- Listen to Him!

- 2 Peter 1:16-18 the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.
- Peter would struggle with listening to Jesus: Acts 10
  - Sending to teach gospel to a gentile.
  - Rise, Peter; kill and eat.
  - By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.
    - (Rebuking Jesus earlier, contradicting him now)



- Do you struggle with listening to him?
  - Don't be flippant
  - Peter desired to be righteous, follow Jesus
  - still hard for him to really hear Jesus



- Peter understands Jesus as the Christ.
  - This perception looks at the fulfillment of God 's eternal plan for our salvation in Jesus.
  - He is much more than a teacher, or prophet.
  - He is different from other "religious" leaders (Buddha, Muhammad).
  - He is deity!
  - Of course, this means we listen to Him, obey Him, worship Him.



- While this is a much better, deeper understanding of Jesus; it is not yet complete.
- This view of Jesus (if we stop here) sees Jesus as our Savior and our King.
  - But there is more. If we remain at this level of understanding we will mostly see our relationship with Jesus as
    - one of obedience for the sake of reward,
    - following because of authority,
    - righteousness is about rule-keeping
  - Jesus is seen as Deity. Necessary, but not sufficient.



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**We implore you on  
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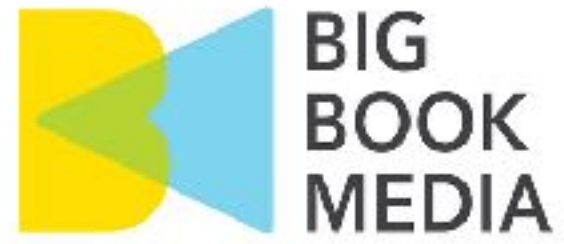
**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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## Jesus the Christ

Matthew 16:13-23; Matthew 17:1-10

Synopsis: Peter grows to understand that Jesus is the Christ and Deity. But His understanding is still limited and he struggles to know what this means.

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