

# The Anointed One

When Andrew found his brother Simon and told him with excitement, “We have found the Messiah” (which means \_\_\_\_\_), what was he saying (John 1:41)? Literally, Christ means “the \_\_\_\_\_ one.” In John 4:25-26, that’s exactly who Jesus claimed to be. But why? What did he mean?

**Anointing**—using oil to consecrate or designate a person to some special service—was a common practice in the ancient world. Throughout the Old Testament, we find three different groups of people being anointed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 19:16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Exo 28:40-41)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam 10:1)

The problem? So many of them weren’t the leaders God called them to be. So what would God do? Listen carefully to the language in **Psalm 2**:

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against \_\_\_\_\_ Anointed...

“As for me, I have set my \_\_\_\_\_  
on Zion, my holy hill.”

The LORD said to me, “You are my \_\_\_\_\_...”

Blessed are all who take \_\_\_\_\_ in him.

How does Matthew begin his gospel? “The book of the genealogy of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_” (1:1). In Acts 4, the earliest Christians knew: Jesus is the holy servant “\_\_\_\_\_” by God to do whatever the Father in heaven had “predestined to take place” (Acts 4:24-28). Jesus is the **Christ**, the **Anointed One**.



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Back in John 1, why do you think Andrew would have been so excited to find his brother and share, “We have found the Messiah”?
- Why would even the Samaritans have anxiously been waiting for “the Christ” (John 4:28-30)? What were these people looking for?
- All the way back in 1 Samuel 8, we find the nation of Israel craving a human king. Why?
- Briefly surveying 1 Samuel 13-15, what sort of king did Israel end up with?
- Practically speaking, what does it look and sound like when “the nations rage” and “the peoples plot in vain” as “the kings of the earth set themselves ... against the LORD” (Psa 2)?
- Revisiting Acts 4:23-31, what do we need to see and understand about our King? How is he different and better than “the kings of the earth”? What does it mean to “take refuge in him”?