

CHRIST HAS COME – OUR PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING

Jesus Our All-Sufficient Prophet

Hebrews 1:1-3 and Various Passages

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Hebrews 1:1-3 ESV Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. (3) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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Point this out in Hebrews 1:1-3

- He has spoken to us through His Son (Prophet)
- He made purification for sins (Priest)
- He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High (King)

Jesus is a common Jewish name in the first century, but not the title “**Christ**” which means “Anointed One.” In the Old Testament, prophets, priests, and kings were anointed with oil, marking God’s appointment to serve Him and His covenant people. Jesus is **the Christ**—the One perfectly anointed to fulfill all three offices without measure.

DeYoung:

If you’ve ever struggled to explain Christ at the beach or around the water cooler, try using these three words. Prophet, priest, and king is not the only way to talk about Christ, but it has to be one of the simplest and best—better than contemporary ascriptions of Jesus as revolutionary, home-boy, or the “center” (never sure what to make of that one). DeYoung, Kevin L.. The Good News We Almost Forgot: Rediscovering the Gospel in a 16th Century Catechism . Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.

He is the **one Mediator** between God and man: **1 Timothy 2:5–6 (ESV)** “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all...”

As Mediator, Jesus stands in the middle—selected by God to establish and maintain the relationship between a holy God and sinful people, bringing us to God and saving us completely. He exercised these three offices in His two states: **humiliation** (His suffering and death) and **exaltation** (His resurrection, ascension, and reigning). The threefold office is foreshadowed throughout the Old Testament and fully realized in Jesus as the Mediator of the New Covenant.

Sin has left us in desperate need:

“Long lay the world, in sin and error pinning”

- Blind and ignorant—refusing God’s Word (needing a Prophet)
- Guilty and condemned—rebellious against God’s law (needing a Priest)
- Enslaved and polluted—missing God’s purpose (needing a King)

Christ’s threefold office perfectly matches and heals every wound sin has caused.

Charles Spurgeon beautifully reminds us: “This, then, is the meaning of the word ‘Christos.’ He is anointed as King, Priest and Prophet... The name Christ declares His right to those offices. He is not King because He sets Himself up as such. God has set Him as King... He has not taken the priesthood upon Himself, for He is the Propitiation whom God has set forth... And as for His prophesying, He speaks not of Himself—those things which He has learnt of the Father, He has revealed unto us.”

And Ralph Erskine captures the heart of it in his poem:

No light, no hope, no strength for duties spring,
Where Jesus is not Prophet, Priest, and King.
No light to see the way, unless he teach,
No joyful hope, save in his blood we reach,
Nor strength, unless his royal arm he stretch.
The gospel preacher, then, with holy skill,
Must offer Christ to whomsoever will.

Implications for us this Christmas:

- We must have Christ to be saved—there is no other way.
- Knowing Jesus as our all-sufficient Prophet, Priest, and King brings great joy and peace (Luke 2:10–11).
- Seek your all in all in Him—every need met in His threefold office.
- Cherish His holy name—**Christ!**

Sermon Goal This Christmas, fix your eyes on Jesus—the all-sufficient Prophet, Priest, and King—so we will know Him rightly, love Him deeply, obey Him gladly, and show Him boldly to the world.

I want to help you trust, treasure, obey, and share Christ this Christmas season as we meditate from the Scriptures on Jesus as Our CHIEF PROPHET – as a old catechism states it:

Q. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance;

“Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.” (from “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”)

1. Jesus is THE Prophet we’ve been waiting for

God promised a Prophet greater than Moses:

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18–19 (ESV) “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen... I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”

Peter declares Jesus is that Prophet:

Acts 3:22–23 (ESV) “Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’”

The crowds recognized it: **John 6:14 (ESV)** “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

John 7:40 (ESV) “This really is the Prophet.”

Every Old Testament prophet was just pointing forward—Jesus is the fulfillment.

Everything else was just the opening act – Jesus is the real show!

2. Jesus isn’t just delivering the message—He IS the message

Luke 4:18-21 ESV “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and

recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, (19) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (20) And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. (21) And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

He is the Word made flesh: **John 1:1, 14 (ESV)** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."

Revelation 19:13 (ESV) "He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God."

His message is exclusive: **Acts 4:12 (ESV)** "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Mark 1:15 (ESV) "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

3. Jesus is the Light who turns on the lights

He is the true Light and the self-revelation of the invisible God: **John 1:18 (ESV)** "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

"Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing."

He Shines the Light so we see the invisible God – we can know and behold our God!

John 8:12 (ESV) "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

On the Emmaus road He showed how only He can do this: **Luke 24:27 (ESV)** "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." **Luke 24:32 (ESV)** "They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?'" **Luke 24:45 (ESV)** "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

Still today: **2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)** "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

4. Jesus keeps speaking—by His Spirit and through His Word

The risen Christ never goes silent: **John 16:13–15 (ESV)** “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth... He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

John 14:26 (ESV) “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

He continues to open the riches of divine truth to our eyes and hearts: **Colossians 3:16 (ESV)** “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...”

5. Jesus shares His prophetic voice with His people

He makes us bearers of His light and message: **Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV)** “You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

We proclaim what He has done: **1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)** “But you are a chosen race... that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

The Spirit empowers us to speak His truth: **Acts 2:17–18 (ESV)** “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...”

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Conclusion

This Christmas, the final Prophet has spoken—and He still speaks today. Jesus is the Word you cannot ignore, the Light you cannot live without, and the Voice the world desperately needs to hear through us.

Luke 4:21 (ESV) “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” It still is—every time Jesus speaks.

To the unbeliever (or anyone here who has never truly trusted Christ):

- Have you heard the voice of the one true Prophet?

- Will you keep ignoring the only message that saves, or will you repent, believe, and receive Him today?
- Why sit any longer in darkness when the Light has come and is shining right now?

To the believer:

- Are you listening daily to your all-sufficient Prophet—letting His Word dwell richly in you?
- When was the last time your heart burned as He opened the Scriptures to you?
- Is His prophetic voice being heard through your life—at home, at work, in your neighborhood? Who needs to hear Jesus speak through you this week?

No light, no hope, no strength—unless Jesus is your Prophet, Priest, and King.

Come to Him. Trust Him fully. Cherish His name—**Christ!** And let's carry His voice and His light to a world still sitting in darkness.

Great Prophet of my God,
my tongue would bless Your Name
by whom the joyful news
of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n,
of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n!