

Week 1

Jesus as Messiah

Jesus as Messiah is a common theme throughout the scriptures. Wikipedia in a really helpful summary says "The Greek translation of Messiah is khristos (χριστός), anglicized as Christ, and Christians commonly refer to Jesus as either the "Christ" or the "Messiah".

- Christians believe the Messianic prophecies were fulfilled in the mission, death, and resurrection of Jesus and that he will return to fulfil the rest of Messianic prophecy.
- Recall as much as you can of the sermon and share the highlights with your group.
- Use a research tool to find some Bible references to Messiah.
- Discuss your results and reflect on how this idea of Messiah is different to your understanding.
- What does this understanding of Messiah tell you about God and Gods plans for humanity?
- What part of this is helpful to you? Share with your group facets of your thinking that are clarifying.
- How does this Messiah aspect of Jesus change your thinking about him?
- How does this Messiah name of Jesus enhance the way you think about him?
- Read Acts 2:29-36 – how does that influence what you have just discussed?
- Spend some time reflecting on Peter's confession of Jesus in Mark 8: 27-30
- What is your response to Jesus?
- Is there anything that comes from this study and understating of Jesus the Messiah that will change your behaviour? Should there be?
- Spend some time in prayer for the groups' needs and the needs of the world.