

**Sermon Notes**  
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**THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS**

“More Than a Myth...He is the Promised Messiah”

**Text:** Isaiah 53 (Isaiah lived 740-680 B.C.)

**INTRODUCTION:**

**I. The Concept of Messiah**

- A. The definition of “Messiah”  
The Hebrew is mashiah and the Greek (LXX) is Christos. In the NT the word “Christ” is almost Always used instead of Messiah. It means “anointed”
- B. The development of the concept of Messiah

**II. The Contradictions of Jesus as the Messiah**

- A. The desired Messiah from a Jewish standpoint
  - 1. Jewish mind were not prepared to recognize ideas of Messiah.
  - 2. The rabbinical and popularly conceived ideas of Messiah, John 5:39, “*You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*”
- B. The disdain for the Scriptural Messiah
  - 1. The doctrine of original sin, and so the idea the deepest truth of Messiahship-salvation for the world from sin-was lacking, as was, then, the priestly office of the Messiah
  - 2. The self-absorbing ideas of kingship and deliverance were embraced.

**III. The Confirmations that Jesus is the Messiah**

- A. The description of who Messiah will be in Scripture (see A Ready Defense, Josh McDowell, “An Address in History”
  - 1. 60 major messianic prophecies and 270 ramification fulfilled in one person.
  - 2. All of these prophecies were made at least 400 years before Christ’s birth.
- B. The death of the suffering Messiah clearly foretold in Scripture
  - 1. We have some Psalms (1000 years before Christ) that are called Messianic Psalms , i.e. Psalm 22 (see 34:20 40:6-8, 41:9, 45:6,7; 69:21, 72:8, 118:22)
  - 2. Isaiah 53 (700 years before Christ); Zechariah (500 years before Christ)

**IV. The Confession of Jesus as Messiah**

- A. The definitive question-who is Jesus?
  - 1. The kingdom in Matthew is (a) at hand, Matthew 3:2, 12:46-50 (b) being consummated in this age, © established at the return of Christ in glory, 24,25.
  - 2. Jews did not recognize Messiah as part of God’s plan, Romans 11:25-27, now-Gentiles participate, Romans 10:13 (Jews will have an opportunity once again)
- B. The declarative answer- “Jesus is Lord!”
  - 1. Romans 10:9,10, “*...if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*”
  - 2. How, then, shall I be saved?

**CONCLUSION**