A Tour of Our All-Inclusive Christ

Series:
The Gospel
According to
Matthew

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Matthew 16:16

The Gentle, Humble, and Meek King Prophesied in the Old Testament

- Matthew 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.
- **Zechariah 9:9** Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion; / Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! / Now your King comes to you. / He is righteous and bears salvation, / Lowly and riding upon a donkey, / Even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- Matthew 21:1-11 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 Saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and lead them to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them; and immediately he will send them. 4 Now this took place in order that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, 5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a foal of a beast of burden." 6 And the disciples went and did as Jesus directed them, 7 And led the donkey and the colt. And they put their garments on them, and He sat upon them. 8 And most of the crowd spread their own garments in the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them in the road. 9 And the crowds who went before Him and those who followed cried out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!
 10 And when He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this? 11 And the crowds said, This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.
- In these verses from Matthew 21, how did Jesus come into Jerusalem?
- If you were tasked with presenting a heavenly king to his people, how would you do it?

The Christ, Meaning the Messiah

As the Messiah, His people throughout the ages look for Him.

- John 1:41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, We have found the Messiah (which translated means Christ).
- Luke 3:15 Now while the people were in expectation and all were reasoning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might possibly be the Christ,

He is the sent one, the commissioned one, to accomplish the will of God.

- Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- Matthew 16:21, 27 From that time Jesus began to show to 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. 27 For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.
- Hebrews 10:5-10 Therefore, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not delight. 7 Then I said, Behold, I have come (in the roll of the book it is written concerning Me) to do Your will, O God." 8 Saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You did not desire nor delight in" (which are offered according to the law), 9 He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second, 10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- Have you ever been selected and appointed for a special mission. Tell us about it.
- According to these verses, what was Christ's big assignment?

The Son of the Living God speaks of His Person

How does the Father get expressed? It is through the Son.

- The Son comes from the Father
- Embodies the Father
- Expresses the Father

- Consummates in the Spirit
- Not only expresses the Father but the entire Triune God
- **John 1:18** No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
- John 14:9-11 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe because of the works themselves.
- 1 Corinthians 15:45b The Last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- Our Lord Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. We all must proclaim this even as Peter did. This proclamation defeats the devil. Sometimes the young ones are scared at night because they are afraid of the dark. When we are frightened, we must shout, "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God!" We need to proclaim this more and more. (Crystallization Study of Matthew, Vol. 1, Message 3, Minoru Chen)

 We have focused mostly on the **Son** of the living God. What does the Son of the **living** God mean to you?