

PROOFS JESUS CHRIST IS THE JEWISH KING/MESSIAH

Most Jewish people deny the fact that Jesus Christ is the Jewish Messiah. Most Jews have never accepted the fact that He is her God/Savior/Messiah/King. In fact, many claim nowhere is it asserted that He was the Messiah. That of course is simply not true. In fact, the Jewish historian Josephus said that Jesus was called the Christ or Messiah.

In John's gospel there is the account of Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He went to Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah (which translated means Christ)" (John 1:41). Later, when Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was, Peter said, "You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). In fact, Jesus Christ, Himself, just after His resurrection claimed He was the Jewish Messiah (Luke 24:26). He also claimed just before His crucifixion that He was the Jewish King (Luke 23:3), which was stated clearly by Pilate (John 19:19-22). One Jewish scholar said, "the idea that Jesus was the Messiah must have derived from Jesus Himself." But that is not quite accurate. Christ did claim He was the Messiah, but so did others.

Now the question we ask here is whether or not it is possible to prove beyond any reasonable doubt that Jesus Christ is the Jewish Messiah? Could one go into a court of law and win the argument? We believe based on objective data any honest juror would, could, absolutely yes. It is possible to prove it and believe it.

Now we have at least three main sources of information to prove Jesus is the Messiah:

SOURCE #1 – There were actual eyewitnesses.

The most powerful testimony of all is eyewitness testimony. Those who study law will tell you eyewitness testimony is the best of testimony you can have. Every one of Christ's disciples was Jewish and every one of His disciples saw Jesus Christ, travelled with Jesus Christ and they all believed that Jesus Christ was the Messiah King of Israel. Perhaps the most amazing eyewitness account was Saul of Tarsus who became the Apostle Paul. He had a dramatic conversion and then went about proving Jesus Christ was the Messiah (Acts 9:22).

SOURCE #2 – There are documented and corroborating written accounts.

We have meticulous written and documented accounts of Jesus Christ. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record researched data establishing that Jesus was the Messiah. They record His pedigree, birth, life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection. Dr. Luke is clear to point out that he did his own independent research to establish truth. No one can deny these accounts of Jesus Christ do exist in written form and every one shows Jesus is the Jewish King and Messiah. Matthew begins by saying this is the genealogy of Jesus (Savior), Christ (Messiah). Matt. 1:1 Mark begins by saying this is the gospel of Jesus (Savior), Christ (Messiah), the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

Luke says an angel appeared to shepherds who said, "there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ (Messiah) the Lord." Luke 2:11

John says Andrew said to Peter, "We have found the Messiah which translated means Christ."

John 1:41

SOURCE #3 – There are predictions in the Old Testament of what the Messiah would do and Jesus Christ fulfills every one of them.

So what are the O.T. predictions that would prove Jesus Christ really is the Jewish Messiah? We would like to present eighteen irrefutable proofs that Jesus Christ is the God/Savior/Messiah/King for Israel and for the world.

Proof #1 - The Messiah would be raised from the dead. Psalm 16:8-11

We start with this because this settles the case. No other religious person in history meets this evidence. Psalm 16:10 says God would not allow His Holy one to be in the grave long and Dr. Luke specifically states that this prophecy was fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:27, 31; 13:34-35).

Proof #2 - The Messiah would be born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah predicts a virgin will give birth to a son who will be the God/Savior/Messiah/King. Everyone in the world knows this points to only one Person, Jesus Christ. The carol Silent Night that is sung worldwide states Mary was a virgin. Sure enough, when we check the record of Matthew and also Dr. Luke, Jesus Christ was born of a virgin.

Proof #3 - The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Micah 5:2

Now Bethlehem was the city in which David was born (I Sam. 16:1). But Micah is making this prediction 300 years after David. He predicts that the ruler of Israel will be born in this city.

Proof #4 - The Messiah would bring about a new covenant of grace to Israel that would replace the old Covenant of the law for Israel. Jeremiah 31:31

When John, the forerunner of Jesus Christ, testified of Jesus Christ, he said, “For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”

Proof #5 - The Messiah would be temporarily forsaken by God the Father, have His hands and feet pierced, would see His clothes divided by casting lots, be rejected by people and eventually be vindicated and honored by all people in the world. Psalm 22:1-31

Matthew, who specifically is written to prove Jesus Christ is the Messiah/King of Israel, said that Jesus specifically cried out in the 9th hour of the day, while hanging on a cross, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (Matt. 27:46). Mark records the same thing (Mark 15:34). This was the moment He was taking our sin and taking the full brunt of the wrath of God for Israel and for us. He suffered abandonment, humiliation and pain for us.

Proof #6 - The Messiah would be the chief cornerstone in the program of God and would be rejected. Psalm 118:22-24

Peter said that Jesus Christ was the chief cornerstone of a relationship with God for the nation Israel (Acts 4:11).

Both Paul and Peter testified that Jesus Christ is also the chief cornerstone of a relationship with God for the church (Eph. 2:20; I Pet. 2:5-8). He is rejected by most of Israel today and frankly, many who go to church don't put their weight of faith on Him either.

Proof #7 - The Messiah would have a two dimension program - 1) Bringing salvation;
2) Pouring out judgment. Is. 61:1-2

Isaiah predicted that the Messiah would have a two dimension program: 1) He would bring salvation to Christ-accepting sinners; 2) He would pour out judgment upon Christ-rejecting sinners.

When Jesus Christ was in Galilee, He specifically went to this text in Isaiah and said He fulfilled phase 1 by His first coming (Luke 4:17-21). He has not fulfilled yet is phase 2 when He pours out vengeance and wrath on a God-mocking, Christ-rejecting world. This is yet to occur. But since He did literally fulfill phase 1, you can depend on the fact He will fulfill phase 2 literally.

Proof #8 - The Messiah would arrive in Jerusalem on a specified day. Daniel 9:25
The Messiah would arrive in Jerusalem 483 years after a decree to rebuild Jerusalem with the Plaza and Moat.

The angel Gabriel (Dan. 9:21) predicted that the Messiah would arrive in Jerusalem 173,880 days (360 days x 483 years = 173,880) after a decree was made to rebuild Jerusalem. Dr. Harold Hoehner concluded that from the time the decree was given by Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem on March 5, 444 BC, 173,880 days ends up on March 30 AD 33. This is exactly the day Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. This date is so precise that when Jesus Christ arrived in Jerusalem, He said to the Pharisees, you should have known this very day (Luke 19:39, 41-42).

Proof #9 - The Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt. Zechariah 9:9

This would be very unusual because no king would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt. They would not ever ride on a donkey. But it was predicted by Zechariah that the one who was the Messiah could be recognized by this.

Proof #10 - The Messiah would be known as the Son of Man, which means He would be the God ancient of days who will one day rule the world. Dan. 7:13-14

Jesus Christ refers to Himself as the Son of man over 80 times. He identifies Himself this was 32 times in Matthew; 14 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke and 10 times in John.

Proof #11 - The Messiah would arrive in Jerusalem and be killed there. Dan. 9:26

Daniel clearly predicted that the Messiah would come to Jerusalem and be cut off from His people there. It is a known historical fact that Jesus Christ was crucified right there.

Proof #12 - The Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. Zech. 11:12-13

This is one of the most amazing predictions pertaining to the Jewish Messiah in all of Scripture. The true Shepherd, Messiah of Israel would not only be rejected, but sold for 30 pieces of silver and the 30 pieces of silver would be thrown down in the Temple of God. Matthew says that Jesus Christ was betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver and Judas took the money and threw it on the Temple floor.

Proof #13 - The Messiah would suffer and die and bear our sins. Is. 53:4-8

Name one other person that you know of in history of whom it is predicted or said He would be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities because we are all like sheep who have gone astray.

Proof #14 - The Messiah would be buried in a rich man's tomb. Is. 53:9

When Jesus died, a very wealthy man from Arimathea, whose name was Joseph, took the dead body and placed it in his own grave (Matt. 25:57-60). Now it is important to see that the Messiah would die and could be identified by this burial.

Proof #15 - The Messiah would be a descendant of David. II Sam. 7:12-16

The Messiah who would reign forever would come through the Davidic family. Matthew immediately connects Jesus Christ to the Davidic line (Matt. 1:1) and so does Luke (Luke 3:31).

Proof #16 - The Messiah would be greater than King David. Psalm 110:1-4

David predicts the Messiah will be the King/Priest, who will actually be God, who is seated at the right hand of God the Father. This was a far greater rank than David ever had.

Proof #17 - The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner. Mal. 3:1; Is. 40:3-5

One would come who would be the forerunner of the Messiah and announce Him to Israel. All four gospel writers—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—specifically state that this is a reference to John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Jesus Christ (Matt. 3:1-4; Mark 1:1-4; Luke 1:76-78; John 1:23).

Proof #18 - The Messiah will have an impact worldwide to all the nations. Is. 42:1-7

It is predicted that the Messiah would bring the light of God to the world. Jesus Christ did that for Israel and for Gentiles (Luke 2:32; John 8:12; Matt. 12:15-18).

These evidences absolutely prove Jesus Christ is the Jewish Messiah and King. They prove He is the Savior of the world. The question is not one of proof; it is a question of belief.