

## Messiah 4 – God with Us

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Welcome to the Final week of **Messiah Season**. We will be concluding this series with today's sermon and a special worship time on Christmas Eve through 2 of our small groups. 1 in Richardson & 1 in Irving.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a word choice. If we go through this season without understanding or focusing on the promise of Messiah... then it does matter if we say the words CHRISTmas... we haven't kept Christ in Christmas.

We are making Messiah the focus of the season.

### 3 Gifts

We are also focusing on the 3 gifts the Magi brought to the Christ child. The gifts of Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh reveal the 3 fold promise of Messiah.

The gift of Myrrh revealed that **Messiah is the suffering Servant**

Last week we looked at the amazing amounts of scripture that portray Messiah as a servant who would suffer.

Isaiah 52 & 53 calls Messiah servant and then describe his suffering.

The gift of Gold revealed that **Messiah is a Conquering King**

Daniel 7 describes messiah as a king and then describes how he will show up and save the day.

In a moment we will talk about the gift of frankincense but first we have to ask...

**How many Messiahs are there? Isaiah 53 and Daniel 7 describe vastly different Messiahs? Are they describing the same messiah? What do you think?**

There are large segments within Judaism who have interpreted the suffering servant and the conquering king as 2 separate messiahs.

It's understandable to us why some would do this.... How can the king be punished alongside thieves? How can the servant be on the throne? How could the king be born in a manger? How can the one with the power and authority to heal and forgive sins die on the cross?

**Ben Yosef Ben David**

The teaching is growing in popularity and goes a little like this... The 1<sup>st</sup> Messiah, the suffering servant of Isaiah 53 who they call Ben Yosef, will come and through his service and death will

prepare a way for the 2<sup>nd</sup> messiah... The 2<sup>nd</sup> messiah, the conquering king of Daniel 7 who they call Ben David, will come and rule and reign a Kingdom that will not end.

I find this really interesting... Because to me it is obvious that because they reject Jesus as messiah they have to reinterpret scripture to represent 2 messiahs. So now rather than worship the 1 true messiah they are hoping for 2 messiahs... neither which have come yet.

**Jesus is the 1 true messiah**

**Every prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus. Every promise is received through Jesus.**

Jesus is the suffering servant Ben Yosef they are looking for... He was born in a manger in a lower class family. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was often found with the poor and the outcast. He healed and fed multitudes. He was falsely accused and bore the weight of the cross. He died for the sins of mankind and was buried in a borrowed tomb. 3 days later he rose again. He ascended to heaven.

But that isn't all...

Jesus is returning. He will come back to the earth as the Ben David they are looking for! He will return as the conquering king

Daniel foretold. He will come on the clouds and make everything right. His kingdom will be filled with righteousness and never come to an end.

If you reject Jesus... It seems you would need 2 messiahs.

**If you receive Jesus... you don't need anything else!**

**Jesus is the 1 true messiah**

**Jesus fulfills all of the over 300 prophecies of Messiah. To deny Him is to deny God's Word and to deny hope.**

I want to quickly share with you one of the more amazing prophecies about Messiah. It is found in Daniel 9 and it gives a timeline for when Messiah would come.

So if you are scoring at home... We have shown prophecy that predicts the family lineage, the Nation and city of birth. Now Daniel gives a window of time that Messiah would come.

Daniel is in exile in Babylon. Jerusalem is left in ruins... the walls and the temple had been destroyed by Babylon as Daniel writes this prophecy.

Daniel 9:25-26 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven `sevens,' and sixty-two `sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

After the sixty-two `sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary...

Don't be confused by the sevens... But understand this...

Daniel prophecies that an order to rebuild the city & temple will come... and after that the Anointed One/Messiah will come... Messiah will be rejected and put to death... Then the people who rule over Messiah's people will destroy the city and the temple.

**Daniel gives a specific time in which Messiah can come. By looking at history we can see when Messiah would come.**

Artaxerxes gives the order to rebuild in 444 BC and the temple would be destroyed in 70 AD at the Roman siege of Jerusalem.

Most scholars believe Jesus was born around 6-4 BC and died on the cross around 30-36 AD.

Jesus' birth is in the time window that Daniel prophesied of 700 years earlier.

Anyone that rejects Jesus as Messiah needs to tell us who else was born in that time period that fulfills every messianic prophecy.

I am so excited to tell you that Jesus is really the messiah.

## FRANKINCENSE -Jeremy

The Magi brought a Gift of Frankincense

Frankincense is a gum or resin from Boswellia Tree. It is used for making perfumes and incense.

The Hebrew word for Frankincense is lěbownah (LE VO NAH) and it means white as in the color of the resin.

Frankincense is symbolic of Holiness. It is used throughout the temple... Whenever they say incense was used in the temple they were referring to Frankincense. Without Frankincense you couldn't come into the presence of God. When Psalms talks about worship and prayer being fragrant like a perfume... that was a reference to Frankincense.

**Frankincense was used all throughout the Temple of God's presence except... Sin offerings. They were ordered to never bring the incense into contact with sin.**

**Frankincense represents Holiness and the Deity of God. When they brought it to Jesus they were declaring Jesus to be Holy and Deity.**

There is much prophecy that agrees with the **Gift of Frankincense**, that Messiah would be God himself.

**Isaiah 7:14** tells us Messiah would be born of a virgin. Who else could do this but God?

Messiah's throne would be anointed and eternal **Psalm 45:6** & **Isaiah 9:7**. Who else could have an eternal throne but an eternal God?

**Psalm 2:7** tells Messiah would be called the Son of God. God says of the Messiah "You are my son"

Some people might interpret this in a paganistic way... They might interpret it as there is a BIG FATHER GOD and a smaller SON GOD... That would equal 2 Gods or 1 God and 1 demi God... (like Hercules the son of Zues)

The term son of God is often misinterpreted this way... But the Bible has always been clear that there is 1 God.

The Shema... Deut 6:4...

Prophecy also tells us that **Messiah would be called Immanuel...**

**Isaiah 7:14**

Immanuel means **GOD WITH US.**

When Messiah is with us it isn't a smaller God with us... It's not a demi God is with us... or one of many other Gods is with us... It means THE ONE GOD who created the world... He is with us.

**God is with us**

The Holy presence of God that we couldn't experience... it was kept behind a curtain in the Holy of Holies... That presence is with us. That presence put on flesh and walked amongst us.

Messiah is God and Man

Genesis 3:15 prophecies that Messiah would be born of a woman.

Psalms 68:18 & Psalm 110:1 say that Messiah will be seated at God's right hand... This isn't literal as in here is God and here is Messiah on His right... The Right Hand is symbolic of power and authority. The man Christ Jesus has all the power and authority of God.

Isaiah 9:6 tells us that the child would be the Mighty God and that the son would be the everlasting Father. How is this possible except that the Messiah would be fully God and fully man.

There are those that don't understand how Messiah can be both Suffering Servant & Conquering King... Perhaps they don't understand that Messiah is also God. That clears things up right?

Why does Jesus go to the Cross for us? Because He is God and loves us.

How does He raise Himself from the dead? He is God.

But also... How can He feel pain and hunger? He is man.

How can he be born of a woman...? He is man.

## MUSICIAN

Messiah is the suffering servant, the conquering king, and God with us.

**Messiah is everything You need.**

The Magi brought their treasure to the Christ Child. But the Christ Child didn't need their treasure... the Magi needed the true treasure that is Messiah.

The Shepherds came and bowed in worship before the Lord... But the Lord didn't need their worship... It was the Shepherds that needed His presence.

Today we came... and we worshipped Messiah together, we received His word together, and we are about to come talk to the Messiah in this altar... But our Messiah doesn't need anything we do today... It is us that need Him.

Messiah – You are everything we need.

Whatever you need today it is found in Jesus Christ.

God loves you so much that He came Himself as your messiah. He didn't send an angel, or a demi God... He came Himself...

Everything God wants for you can be found in the face of the Messiah.