



Messiah Approaches

(Matthew 20:29-30 and Luke 19:1-6, 9-10)

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- **19** He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.
- ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:1-6, 9-10)

Definition: “Messiah”

- “The one anointed by God to deliver His people and establish His kingdom”
- “The Greek term *christos* is equivalent to the Hebrew *mashiakh* (“anointed one”), and both terms are translated as “Christ” or “Messiah.”
- “The prophets expected a future Messiah who would usher in God’s Kingdom. The dominant expectation among Jews in Jesus’ time was that the Messiah would be a political warrior who would lead Israel to victory over its oppressors and reestablish Israel as a separate kingdom. Some Jews saw the Messiah as a forerunner of the Kingdom of God.” (*NLT Study Bible*)

Prophecies of the Coming Messiah

- **Jacob's blessing on Judah:**
- The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. (Genesis 49:10)
- **Nathan the prophet to King David:**
- ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'” (2 Samuel 7:16)

Prophecies of the Coming Messiah

- **Isaiah's prophecy of a coming ruler:**
- For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon^[a] his shoulder,
and his name shall be called^[b]
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Proclamations of the Coming Messiah

- **The angels' announcement to the shepherds:**
- ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)
- **God's declaration at the baptism of Jesus:**
- ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

Speculations on the Coming Messiah

- **The people wonder if Jesus is the Messiah:**
- ²² Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” (Matthew 12:22-23)

Actions of the Coming Messiah

- **The Messiah heals two blind men:**
- ²⁹ And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” ³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” (Matthew 20:29-31)

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Takeaway #1:

The Messiah comes to us first

- **Love creates movement:**
- “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

Takeaway #2:

The Messiah offers a fulfilling life

- **Jesus brings abundant life**
- “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Takeaway #3:

The Messiah brings us peace (shalom)

- **Come to Jesus for peace and rest**
- ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Why the Messiah Approaches

**The Messiah comes for a specific reason:
to seek and save the lost**



Let Us Pray

