



WHO IS JESUS?

Acts 8 (p1263)



JESUS, THE SON OF GOD:

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 - ❖ Acts 8.37 (p1263)
- Jesus, the Son of God — means what?
 - ❖ Not biological reproduction — John 4.24 (p1224)
 - ❖ Not God the Father — John 3.16,36 (p1223-1224)
 - ❖ Jesus is God (divine) — John 5.17-18 (p1226)
 - ▶ John 1.1-3,14 (p1222)
 - ▶ *Significance in salvation — Acts 20.28 (p1281)*



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“Anointing was applied to kings, to prophets, and to priests at their inauguration. ‘The Lord's anointed’ was a common title of the king. Prophets are called ‘Messiahs,’ or anointed ones. Cyrus is also called ‘the Lord's Anointed,’ because called to the throne to deliver the Jews out of captivity.”

(Isaiah 45:1; p837)

Anointed to special service before God





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 - ❖ Set apart to special service for God
 - ❖ God’s special servant (Isaiah 42; p832):
 - ▶ Approval (42.1); justice to all (42.3); success (42.4)



JESUS, THE SERVANT:

- The Ethiopian learned of Jesus as the special servant of God.
 - ❖ Acts 8.32-35 (p1263)
- Jesus the servant:
 - ❖ Rejected by men (53.3; p847)
 - ❖ Acquainted with grief (53.3)
 - ❖ Borne our griefs (53.4; p848)
 - ❖ Lamb, slain on our behalf (53.6-7,10)
 - ❖ Perfect offering for sin (53.9,11)

Who is Jesus?

Servant — Am I following His example?

Christ — Do I see Him as God intended?

Son of God — Do I hear Him?

