

How to Recognize the Messiah

Centuries ago prophets spoke of the coming of a great leader. He would be sent by God and would be called God's Anointed One, the Messiah.

Who is the Messiah? How can we recognize Him? When will He come?

<i>He must be of the seed of Abraham</i>	(Genesis 22:18)
<i>He must be of the tribe of Judah</i>	(Genesis 49:10)
<i>He must be of the house of David</i>	(Isaiah 9:7)
<i>He must be born of a virgin</i>	(Isaiah 7:14)
<i>He must be born in Bethlehem</i>	(Micah 5:2)
<i>He must be God</i>	(Isaiah 9:6)

More than nineteen hundred years ago a child was born in a stable in the town of Bethlehem. He was of the seed of Abraham. He was of the tribe of Judah and the house of David. His mother was a virgin. *The Messiah has come!*

Who is the Messiah? The only One who meets all the requirements is Yeshua - Jesus. As a devout Jew, Jesus lived a remarkable life. He restored sight to the blind, healed crippled limbs and even raised the dead. He astounded the Jewish leaders of that time by His insight, wisdom and teaching of the Scriptures. By His words and works He proved Himself to be God's Anointed One.

Then, according to the predetermined plan of God, Jesus gave Himself as God's Passover Lamb - He died willingly for the atonement of His people's sins. "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised and we esteemed Him not. . . . But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:3-6)

Yeshua, Jesus, the Redeemer, the Suffering Servant of God, died, was buried and rose from the dead and appeared to hundreds of eyewitnesses.

By the resurrection, God clearly demonstrated that Yeshua, Jesus, is the Messiah. If you have not received Jesus as your Messiah, He invites you.

May Jesus, Sar Shalom, the Prince of Peace, be your peace!