# Jesus Christ
## Prophet, Priest, & King

## Hebrews 1:1-4

**(All Scriptures NASB 1995 unless otherwise noted)**

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### Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, & King

*"**God**, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days **has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When **He had made purification of sins**, He **sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high**, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they."* **(Hebrews 1:1-4)**

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### Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, & King

**PROPHET**

- ***"… in these last days has spoken to us in His Son …"*** **(Hebrews 1:2)**

**PRIEST**

- ***"… When He had made purification of sins …"*** **(Hebrews 1:3)**

**KING**

- ***"… He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."*** **(Hebrews 1:3)**

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### Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, & King

**PROPHET**

- The prophet spoke **for God to the people**.

**PRIEST**

- The priest spoke **for the people to God**.

**KING**

- The King reigns **over the people of God**.

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### A Prophet Speaks

- What is a prophet?

"One who is called to speak"- Holman Bible Dictionary

*"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.'"* **(Exodus 7:1-2)**

*"You are to speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I, even I, will be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what you are to do. Moreover, he shall speak for you to the people; and he will be as a mouth for you and you will be as God to him."* **(Exodus 4:15-16)**

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### A Prophet Speaks

- Holy men spoke as guided by the Holy Spirit.

*"But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."* **(2 Peter 1:20-21)**

*"The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue."* **(2 Samuel 23:2)**

*"For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God."* **(1 Corinthians 2:10)**

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## A Prophet Speaks

- In former times, God spoke in different ways to His prophets.

*"As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things into which angels long to look."* **(1 Peter 1:10-12)**

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## A Prophet Speaks

- In former times, God spoke in different ways to His prophets.

*"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets **in many portions and in many ways** …"* **(Hebrews 1:1)**

- Visions

*"The **vision** of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah."* **(Isaiah 1:1)**

*"The oracle of Nineveh. The book of the **vision** of Nahum the Elkoshite."* **(Nahum 1:1)**

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## A Prophet Speaks

- In former times, God spoke in different ways to His prophets.
- Dreams

*"Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, 'Please **listen to this dream which I have had**; for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.'"* **(Genesis 37:5-7)**

*"Now he had **still another dream**, and related it to his brothers, and said, 'Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.'"* **(Genesis 37:9)**

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## A Prophet Speaks

- In former times, God spoke in different ways to His prophets.
- While Samuel slept

*"… and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was, that the Lord called Samuel; and he said, 'Here I am.'"* **(1 Samuel 3:3-4)**

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## A Prophet Speaks

- In former times, God spoke in different ways to His prophets.
- To Elijah by "a still, small voice"

*"So He said, 'Go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing (**"a still, small voice" – KJV, ASV, NKJV**)."* **(1 Kings 19:11-12)**

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## Jesus Christ Speaks

- In modern times, God speaks in His Son.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."* **(John 1:1-3)**

*"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."* **(John 1:14)**

*"For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."* **(John 1:17)**

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## Jesus Christ Speaks

- In modern times, God speaks in His Son.

*"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped …"* **(Philippians 2:5-6)**

*"… in these last days has **spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high …"* **(Hebrews 1:2-3)**

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## Jesus Christ Speaks

- In modern times, God speaks in His Son.

*"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything."* **(Colossians 1:15-18)**

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## Jesus Christ – Prophet

- Prophesied by Moses.

*"I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him."* **(Deuteronomy 18:18-19)**

*"This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, 'I am not the Christ.' They asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' And he said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the Prophet?' And he answered, 'No.'"* **(John 1:19-21)**

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## Jesus Christ – Prophet

- Man must hear Christ.

*"Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'"* **(Acts 3:22-23)**

*"For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."* **(Acts 3:26)**

*"While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!'"* **(Matthew 17:5)**

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## Jesus Christ – Prophet

- Christ speaks with authority.

*"Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, 'This certainly is the Prophet.'"* **(John 7:40)**

*"The officers answered, 'Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.'"* **(John 7:46)**

*"When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes."* **(Matthew 7:28-29)**

*"Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.'"* **(John 3:1-2)**

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## Jesus Christ – Prophet

- Speaks today through His Apostles.

*"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."* **(Matthew 10:40)**

*"The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."* **(Luke 10:16)**

*"… that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, **when you read you can understand** my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit…"* **(Ephesians 3:3-5)**

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## Jesus Christ – Prophet

- Speaks today through His Apostles.

*"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us;* ***we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God****."* **(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)**

- Speaks today through the Gospel.

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."* **(Romans 1:16)**

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## A Priest Sacrifices

- The priest spoke for the people to God.

*"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When any man of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of animals from the herd or the flock. If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it, a male without defect; he shall offer it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord. He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf. He shall slay the young bull before the Lord; and Aaron's sons the priests shall offer up the blood and sprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.'"*

**(Leviticus 1:2-5)**

**(cf. Leviticus 7; Leviticus 9)**

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## Jesus Christ – Priest

**(Hebrews 2-10)**

- Jesus Christ – High priest.

*"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession …"* **(Hebrews 3:1)**

*"Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted."*

**(Hebrews 2:17-18)**

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## Jesus Christ – Priest

**(Hebrews 2-10)**

- Jesus Christ – Must offer sacrifice.

*"For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer."* **(Hebrews 8:3)**

- Offered Himself (supreme sacrifice) – Once!

*"But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."* **(Hebrews 9:11-12)**

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## Jesus Christ – Priest

**(Hebrews 2-10)**

- Offered Himself (supreme sacrifice) – Once!

*"The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.* ***Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him****, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."* **(Hebrews 7:23-27)**

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## Jesus Christ – Priest

**(Hebrews 2-10)**

- Offered Himself (supreme sacrifice) – Once!

*"… how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"* **(Hebrews 9:14)**

*"Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified."*

**(Hebrews 10:11-14)**

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## Jesus Christ – Our High Priest Forever (Hebrews 2-10)

- We approach God through Him.

*"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* **(Hebrews 4:14-16)**

*"For it is attested of Him, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."* **(Hebrews 7:17)**

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## Jesus Christ – King

- The **prophet** spoke for God to the people.
- The **priest** spoke for the people to God.
- The **King** rules the people of God.

*"I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."* **(Isaiah 43:15)**

*"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.'"* **(Isaiah 44:6)**

*"The LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.'"* **(1 Samuel 8:7)**

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## Jesus Christ – King

*"… sat down on the **RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY** on high."* **(Hebrews 1:3)**

- He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

*"… that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will bring about at the proper time – He who is **the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen."* **(1 Timothy 6:14-16)**

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## Jesus Christ – King

- He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

*"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."* **(Revelation 17:14)**

*"And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, 'KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.'"* **(Revelation 19:16)**

- His kingdom shall have no end.

*"… and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."* **(Luke 1:33)**

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## Jesus Christ – King

- His kingdom is not of this world.

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.' Therefore Pilate said to Him, 'So You are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'"* **(John 18:36-37)**

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## Jesus Christ – King

- He sits on David's throne.
  - Prophesied.

*"Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."* **(2 Samuel 7:16)**

*"In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever."* **(Daniel 2:44)**

*"And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed."* **(Daniel 7:14)**

**(cf. Zechariah 6:12-13)**

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## Jesus Christ – King

- He sits on David's throne.
  - Fulfilled.

*"And Jesus was saying to them, 'Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.'"* **(Mark 9:1)**

*"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, 'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.' Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified."* **(Acts 2:33-36)**

**(cf. Ephesians 1:19-23; 1 Corinthians 15:24-26)**

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## What Does This Mean To The Sinner?

- Since Christ, as **<u>prophet</u>**, speaks through the Gospel …

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."* **(Romans 1:16)**

  - Sinner must hear, believe, & obey the gospel.

*"Therefore everyone who **hears** these words of Mine and **acts** on them …"* **(Matthew 7:24-27)**

*"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must **believe** that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."* **(Hebrews 11:6)**

*"And having been made perfect, He became to all those who **obey** Him the source of eternal salvation…"* **(Hebrews 5:9)**

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## What Does This Mean To The Sinner?

- Since Christ, as **<u>priest</u>**, offered His own blood…

*"… but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD …"* **(Hebrews 10:12)**

  - We are baptized into his death (blood).

*"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."* **(Romans 6:3-4)**

*"… and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood …"* **(Revelation 1:5)**

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## What Does This Mean To The Sinner?

- Since Christ, as **<u>King</u>**, rules over His Kingdom (His church) …

*"… for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you."* **(2 Peter 1:11)**

  - We are called through the gospel.

*"It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* **(2 Thessalonians 2:14)**

  - We are transferred into the kingdom.

*"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son …"* **(Colossians 1:13)**

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## Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, & King

- If we will **not** hear this <u>Prophet</u>, *"to whom shall we go?"*

*"Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.'"* **(John 6:68)**

- If we will **not** accept <u>His sacrifice</u>, how shall we be cleansed?

*"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins …"* **(Hebrews 10:26)**

- If we reject <u>His authority</u>, where shall we find hope?

*"… 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.'"* **(Revelation 1:17b-18)**

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## Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, & King Commands Us to Obey the Gospel

- **Hear the Word**
  **(James 1:21; Romans 10:17)**
- **Believe the Gospel**
  **(Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24)**
- **Repent of Sins**
  **(Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31)**
- **Confess Jesus Christ as Lord**
  **(Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33)**
- **Be Baptized for Forgiveness**
  **(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)**
- **Remain Faithful**
  **(Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 3:12)**

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