

The Promised Messiah

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Three ways of finding Christ in Christmas through the Promised Messiah.

I. Discovering God's Promised Messiah.

Genesis 1:1,2 — In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 21:1 — The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised.

Genesis 22:17,18 — I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Matthew 1:1,16 — This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

II. Believing in God's Promised Messiah.

Jeremiah 33:14 — "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

John 11:25,27 (NLT) — Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. 26 Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."

John 1:41 — Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We

have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ").

Galatians 3:29 — And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

1 John 2:25 — And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

Acts 2:39 — For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

III. Place Your Hope in God's Promised Messiah. (Jesus)

1 Corinthians 1:7 (NLT) — Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:13 — But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 3:11 (NLT) — I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown.

2 Peter 3:8,9 (NLT) — "...With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance".

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do God's blessings from Genesis 22 affect you?
2. How did Martha react to Jesus' question "Do you believe this, Martha?" And how would you personally respond?
3. Do you consider yourself Abraham's offspring?
4. Do you spend much time considering Jesus' promise of a Second Coming?