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Christians believe Jesus is the MESSIAH that God promised to send. "Messiah" is a Hebrew word that means "anointed." In ancient times, when people chose their leaders, they used to "anoint" them by putting oil on their forehead. So the "Messiah" or "Anointed One" means "Chosen Leader." And "CHRIST" is the Greek word for the same thing.

When God's people were waiting for the Messiah, they believed he would be a descendant of Israel's great king, David, the Son of Jesse.

<p><b>ISAIAH 11:1-10</b> "A branch shall grow from Jesse's root, to rule God's Kingdom of Peace"</p> 	<p><b>PSALM 72:4</b> "He will save the poor, and those who have no helper"</p> 	<p><b>ROMANS 15:8</b> "Jesus came as Messiah, to show how God keeps his promises to his people"</p> 
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When Jesus was a young man, a very special person named JOHN THE BAPTIST lived in Israel. He told people to get ready, because the Messiah was coming very soon!

## JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:1-12

JOHN WAS CALLED "THE BAPTIST," BECAUSE HE BAPTIZED PEOPLE!

JOHN LIVED IN THE DESERT, SO HE COULD BE ALONE WITH GOD!



HE WORE ROUGH CLOTHING, AND LIVED ON GRASSHOPPERS AND HONEYCOMBS!



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PEOPLE HEARD THAT JOHN WAS A HOLY MAN! THEY CAME TO THE EDGE OF THE DESERT, SO HE COULD TALK TO THEM AND BAPTIZE THEM!

I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER! REPENT! CHANGE YOUR LIFE!



GET READY FOR THE MESSIAH AND HIS KINGDOM!!

SOME OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS CAME OUT!

YOU BUNCH OF SNAKES! WHO TOLD YOU TO COME OUT HERE?



BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO LOVE GOD BETTER, THEN CHANGE YOUR LIVES! DON'T JUST SAY, "(MATTHEW 3:9)!" GOD DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THAT!