

# Jesus Christ

The Old Testament has many prophecies. It is not always clear what is meant by some of them. The ancient Israelites had a number of ideas concerning the messiah, that are completely separate from each other. More specifically, these ideas concern the messiah, the suffering servant and the son of man. Jesus Christ made it clear, that he fulfills all three of these roles. Any study of christology, (the study of the doctrine of Christ) must examine all three of these.



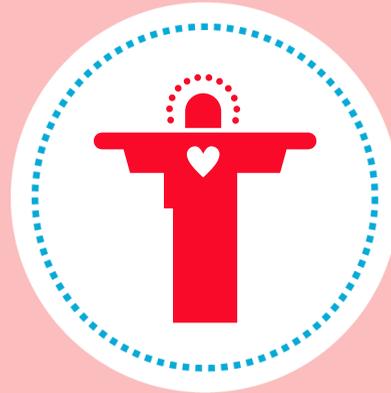
The Messiah  
2 Samuel 7: 8-16

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word messiah means the "anointed one."

God's "anointed one" rules over the Israelites on behalf of God himself.

The "anointed one" is a descendant of King David

The "anointed one" is the ideal human leader of the coming kingdom.



The Suffering Servant  
Isaiah 63

He was despised by men

He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our sin. The chastening of our well being fell upon Him. And by his scourging, we are healed.

He poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors.

He bore the sin of many and interceded for the transgressors.



The Son of Man  
Daniel 7:13-14

The "Son of Man" is a pre-existent, transcendent being.

The "Son of Man" comes with the clouds of heaven.

The "Son of Man" is given dominion, glory and a kingdom that will not pass away.

Peoples, nations, and men of every language will serve him.