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## The Messiah Anointed (4)

**Matthew 3:16**

### The Baptizer of God's People

- As God's High Priest, Jesus would fulfill Adam's priestly role as prescribed in **Gen. 2:15** by fulfilling in Himself and by Himself all the Levitical duties of the sacrificial system.

*Lev 16:15-16* He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and ...sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. 16 In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been.

*Lev 16:20-22* When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat. 21 He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites — all their sins — and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. 22 The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place.

- Jesus would fulfill the Old Testament type by being both the Priest and the Sacrifice (**John 1:29**).

*Heb 9:11-12* But when Christ appeared as a High Priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect Tent ... 12 He entered once for all into the Holy Places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood [Lev. 16: 15-16], thus securing an eternal redemption [Lev. 16: 20-22]

**Eph 5:25-27** *Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish...*

- In the same way that Aaron appeared at the gate of the Tabernacle to pronounce the Lord's blessing upon the people (**Num. 6:24-26**), Jesus, after making *eternal redemption* on behalf of His people, appeared to His people as the fulfillment of this blessing.

**John 20:19** *On the evening of that day.. Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you [...the Lord lift up His Face upon you and give you peace...]*

- Finally, God's people were permitted into His presence in the risen Messiah who has made them fit for His presence.

**Rom 12:5** *...in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others..*

**Ezekiel 36:25-27** *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you...*

**Joel 2:28** *I will pour out [like water] My Spirit on all people...*

- The outpouring of the Spirit upon God's people is the goal of the Incarnation and the *joy set before Him* when Jesus offered Himself as the sacrificial Lamb for the redemption of the Father's people.

**John 20:22** *...He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit...*

**Acts 2:38-39** – The Day of Pentecost

- The outpouring of the Spirit was promised since the Fall:

**Gen. 3:15; 12:1-7; 17:6-8; 16-21; Ex. 6:6-8; Deut. 31:6, 8; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Isaiah 41:18; 53:4; Jeremiah 31:31-33; Ezekiel 36:25-27**

**1 Peter 2:10** *Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God...*

- As a result, God's people can now worship God *by the Spirit* (**Phil. 3:3**). In this way, **Gen. 3:24** is reversed and God's people are able to re-enter His Heavenly Garden by the Spirit.

**John 14:1-3** *Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also...*

- The pouring fourth of the Spirit was prophesied:

**Ezek 47:1-12** *The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. 2 He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was flowing from the south side...5 a river that no one could cross...12 Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing...*

**John 4:9-14** *The Samaritan woman said to Him, ..."How can you ask me for a drink?" ...10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ...13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life....23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks...*

**John 2:6-10; 3:3-8 & 7:37-38**