

**1 Peter 3:15-16**

**15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. NIV**

**Why I Am A Follower of a Jewish Carpenter Named Jesus**  
*(The Evidentiary Case I found for Christ)*

- 1. *The changed lives and martyr's deaths of the men in Jesus' inner circle (the Apostles)***
- 2. *The changed life and martyr's death of Paul***  
*(He not only "changed teams" to his detriment, but he then had to acknowledge that he had participated in the murder of Stephen rather than his legitimate execution)*
- 3. *The 114 Old Testament prophecies regarding a coming Messiah that are fulfilled by Jesus***
- 4. *The historical and geographical accuracy of the Bible***
- 5. *The common themes that run through the entire Bible (ie. "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin")***
- 6. *The incredible foreshadowing of Jesus' death provided by Old Testament sacrificial system***
- 7. *The Gospel's power to change the broken lives of men***  
*(Jesus' brilliant insights into human relationships)*
- 8. *The accurate depiction of spiritual warfare found in the New Testament***

**Acts 14:1**

**At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed. NIV**

# **TRADITIONAL VIEWS OF THE APOSTLES' DEATHS**

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1. **Simon Peter -- Tortured at Mamertine in Rome for 9 months. Nailed upside down to a cross by Nero in AD 67 (p. 65 & 79)**
  2. **Andrew -- Scourged and tied to a cross in Achaia in AD 69 by Aegaas (p. 82-85)**
  3. **James Son of Zebedee (The Great) -- Beheaded by the sword at Jerusalem at the command of Herod Agrippa in AD 44 (Acts 12:1 & 2) (p. 96)**
  4. **John -- Banished to the island of Patmos by Domitian. Later returned to Ephesus and died there of old age in AD 99 (p. 117)**
  5. **Phillip -- Crucified and stoned in Hieropolis in AD 53 by priests of the pagan god, Mars. (p. 123)**
  6. **Bartholomew -- Beaten with clubs, flayed alive, crucified by heathen priests in Armenia in AD 68 (p. 135 & 136)**
  7. **Thomas -- Killed in India with a spear by emissaries of King Mizdi sometime after AD 52 (p. 145)**
  8. **Matthew -- Cause of Death Unknown (Many believe he was martyred in Ethiopia)**
  9. **James, Son of Alphaeus (The Less of the Younger) -- Stoned to death in Jerusalem by the Jews during the Rein of Justinian (p. 193)**
  10. **Jude Thaddaeus -- Killed by a javelin or by arrows in Persia in AD 50 (p. 202)**
  11. **Simon the Canaanite -- crucified by the Romans in Britain May 10, AD 61 (p. 202)**
  12. **Matthias (replaced Judas Iscariot) -- Stoned to death by the Jews in Judea in AD 64 (p. 244)**
- \* **Jesus was crucified and resurrected in AD 33.**
- \*\* **John Mark, Barnabas, and Paul were also martyred.**

### *The Anointed One*

Jesus: (Iesous) is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew “Joshua”, meaning “Yahweh is salvation. It stands therefore in the Septuagint and Apocrypha for “Joshua, and in Acts 7:45 and Heb 4:8 likewise represents the Hebrew Scriptures Joshua; hence, in the Revised Version (British and American) is in these passages rendered “Joshua.” In Mt 1:21 the name as commanded by the angel to be given to the son of Mary, “for it is he that shall save his people from their sins” (see below on Nativity”). It is the personal name of the Lord in the Gospels and the Acts, but generally in the Epistles appears in combination with “Christ” or other appellative (alone in Rom 3:26; 4:24; I Cor 12:3; 2 Cor 11:4; Phil 2:10, I Thess 4:14; Heb 7:22; 10:19, etc.)

Christ: (Christos) is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew “Messiah” compare in the New Testament, John 1:41; 4:25, “Messiah”), meaning “anointed” (see MESSIAH). It designates Jesus as the fulfiller of the Messianic hopes of the Hebrew Scriptures and of the Jewish people. It will be seen below that Jesus Himself made this claim. After the resurrection it became the current title for Jesus in the apostolic church. Most frequently in the Epistles He is called “Jesus Christ,” sometimes the force of proper name. Very frequently the term is associated with “Lord” (kurios) – “the (or “our”) Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 11:17, 15:11 KJV; Acts 16:31 KJV; Acts 20:21; 28:31; Rom 1:7; 5:1; 11; 13:14; I Cor 16:23, etc.).

Messiah: Transliteration of Hebrew work “mashiach” meaning, “anointed one” that was translated into Greek as Christos (“Christ” is the English rendering of the Greek Christos, meaning “anointed.”)

Since apostolic times the name Christ has become the proper name of Jesus, the Person whom Christians recognize as the God-given Redeemer of Israel and the church’s Lord. “Christ” or Messiah is therefore a name admirably suited to express both the church’s link with Israel through the Old Testament and the faith that sees in Jesus Christ the worldwide scope of the salvation in Him.

### **MESSIANIC PROPHECIES OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

<b>Prophecy</b>	<b>Hebrew Scripture References</b>	<b>NT Fulfillment</b>
Seed of the woman	Gen 3:15	Gal 4:4; Heb 2:14
Through Noah’s sons	Gen 9:27	Luke 6:36
Seed of Abraham	Gen 12:3	Matt 1:1; Gal 3:8,16
Blessing to nations	Gen 18:18	Gal 3:8
Seed of Isaac	Gen 21:12	Rom 9:7; Heb 11:18
Blessings to Gentiles	Gen 22:18; 26:14	Gal 3:8; 16; Heb 6:14
Blessing through Abraham	Gen 28:14	Gal 3:8; Heb 6:14
Of the tribe of Judah	Gen 49:10	Rev 5:5
No bone broken	Ex 12:46; Num 9:12; Ps 34:20	John 19:36
Blessing to firstborn son	Ex 13:2	Luke 2:23
Serpent in the wilderness	Num 21:8-9	John 3:14-15
A star out of Jacob	Num 24:17-19	Matt 2:2; Luke 1:33, 78; Rev 22:16
As a prophet	Deut 18:15; 18-19	John 6:14 7:40; Acts 3:22-23
Cursed on the tree	Deut 21:23	Gal 3:13
The throne of David established forever	2 Sam 7:12-13, 16, 25-26; I Chr 17:11-14, 23-27, 2 Chr 21:7	Matt 19:28; 21:4; 25:31; Mark 12:37; Luke 1:32; John 7:4; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Rom 1:3; 2 Tim 2:8; Heb 1:5,8, 8:1; 12: 2; Rev 22:1
A promised Redeemer	Job 19: 25-27	John 5:28-29; Gal 4:4; Eph 1:7, 11,14
Declared to be the Son of God	Ps 2:1-12	Matt 3:17; Mark 1:11; Acts 4:25-26; 13:33; Heb 1:5; 5:5; Rev 2:26-27; 19:15-16
His Resurrection	Ps 16:8-10	Acts 2:27; 13:35; 26:23
Hands and feet pierced	Ps 22:1-31	Matt 27:31, 35-36
Mocked and insulted	Ps 22:7-8	Matt 27:39-43, 45-59
Soldiers cast lots for coat	Ps 22:18	Mart 15:20, 24-25, 34; Luke 19:24; 23:35; John 19:15-18, 23-24, 34; Acts 2:23-24

Accused by false witnesses	Ps 27:12; Ps 35:11	Matt 26:59-61; Mark 14:57-58
He commits His spirit	Ps 31:5	Luke 23:46
Hated without reason	Ps 35:19; Ps 69:4	John 15:24-25
Friends stand afar off	Ps 38:11	Matt 27:55; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49
"I come to do Thy will"	Ps 40:6-8	Heb 10:5-9
Betrayed by a friend	Ps 41:9	Matt 26:14-16, 47, 50; Mark 14:17-21; Luke 22:19-23; John 13:18-19
Known for righteousness	Ps 45:2, 6-7	Heb 1:8-9
His resurrection	Ps 49:15	Mark 16:6
His ascension	Ps 68:18	Eph 4:8
Stung by reproaches	Ps 69:6	John 2:17; Rom 15:3
Given gall and vinegar	Ps 69:21	Matt 27:34,48; Mk15:23; Lk 23:36; John 19:29
Exalted by God	Ps 72:1-19	Matt 2:2; Phil 2:9-11; Heb 1:8
He speaks in parables	Ps 78:2	Matt 13:34-35
Seed of David exalted	Ps 89:3-4, 19, 27-29, 35-37	Luke 1:32; Acts 2:30, 13:23; Rom 1:3, 2Tim 2:8
Son of Man comes in glory	Ps 102:16	Luke 21:24,27; Rev 12: 5-10
"Thou remainest!"	Ps 102:24-27	Heb 1:10-12
Prays for His enemies	Ps 109:4	Luke 23:34
Another to succeed Judas	Ps 109:7-8	Acts 1:16-20
A priest like Melchizedek	Ps 110:1-7	Matt 22:41-45; 26:64; Mark 12:35-37; 16:19; Acts 7:56; Eph 1:20; Col 1:20; Heb 1:13; 2:8; 5:6; 6:20; 7:21; 8:1; 10:11-13; 12:2
The chief cornerstone	Ps 118:22-23	Matt 21:42; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17; John 1:11; Acts 4:11; Eph 2:20; I Pet 2:4
The Kind comes in the name of the Lord	Ps 118:26	Matt 21:9; 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13
David's seed to reign	Ps 132:11; 2 Sam 7:12-13, 16, 25-26, 29	Matt 1:1
Declared to be the Son of God	Prov 30:4	Matt 3:17; Mark 14: 61-62; Luke 1:35; John 3:13; 9:35-38; 11:21; Rom 1:2-4; 10:6-9; 2 Pet 1:17
Repentance for the nations	Isa 2:2-4	Luke 24:47
Hearts are hardened	Isa 6:9-10	Matt 13:14-15; John 12:39-40; Acts 28:25-27
Born of a virgin	Isa 7:14	Matt 1:22-23
A rock of offense	Isa 8:14-15	Rom 9:33; I Pet 2:8
Light out of darkness	Isa 9:1-2	Matt 4:14-16; Luke 2:32
God with us	Isa 9:6-7	Matt 1:21,23; Luke 1:32-33; John 8:58; 10:30; 14:19; 2 Cor 5:19; Col 2:9
Full of wisdom and power	Isa 11:1-10	Matt 3:16; John 3:34; Rom 15:12; Heb 1:9
Reigning in mercy	Isa 16:4-5	Luke 1:31-33
Peg in a sure place	Isa 22:21-25	Rev 3:7
Death swallowed up in victory	Isa 25:6-12	I Cor 15:54
A stone in Zion	Isa 28:16	Rom 9:33; I Pet 2:6
The deaf hear, the blind see	Isa 29:18-19	Matt 5:3; 11:5; John 9:39
King of Kings; Lord of Lords	Isa 32:1-4	Rev 19:16; 20:6
Son of the Highest	Isa 33:22	Luke 1:32; I Tim 1:17; 6:15
Healing for the needy	Isa 35:4-10	Matt 9:30; 11:5; 12:22; 20:34; 21:14; Mark 7:30; John 5:9
Make ready the way of the Lord	Isa 40:3-5	Matt 3:3; Mark 1:3;

		Luke 3:4-5; John 1:23
The Shepherd dies for His sheep	Isa 40:10-11	John 10:11; Heb 13:20; I Pet 2:24-25
The meek servant	Isa 42:1-16	Matt 12:17-21; Luke 2:32
A light to the Gentiles	Isa 49:6-12	Acts 13:47; 2 Cor 6:2
Scourged and spat upon	Isa 50:6	Matt 26:67; 27:26,30; Mark 14:65; 15:15,19; Luke 22:63-65; Jn 19:1
Rejected by His people	Isa 52:13-53:12	Matt 8:7; 27:1, 12-14,38
Suffered vicariously	Isa 53:4-5	Mark 15:3-4, 27-28; Luke 23:1-25, 32-34
Silent when accused	Isa 53:7	John 1:29; 11:49-52
Crucified with transgressors	Isa 53:12	John 12:37-38; Acts 8:28-35
Buried with the rich	Isa 53:9	Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; I Cor 15:3; Eph 1:7; I Pet 2:21-25; I John 1:7,9
Calling of those not a people	Isa 55:4-5	John 18:37; Rom 9:25-26; Rev 1:5
Deliver out of Zion	Isa 59:16-20	Rom 11:26-27
Nations walk in the light	Isa 60: 1-3	Luke 2:32
Anointed to preach liberty	Isa 61:1-3	Luke 4:17-19; Acts 10:38
Called by a new name	Isa 62:1-2	Luke 2:32; Rev 3:12
The King cometh	Isa 62:11	Matt 21:5
A vesture dipped in blood	Isa 63:1-3	Rev 19:13
Afflicted with the afflicted	Isa 63:8-9	Matt 25:34-40
The elect shall inherit	Isa 65:9	Rom 11:5, 7; Heb 7:14; Rev 5:5
New heaven and a new earth	Isa 65:17-25	2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1
The Lord our righteousness	Jer 23:5-6	John 2:19-21; Rom 1:3-4; Eph 2:20-21; I Pet 2:5
Born a King	Jer 30:9	John 18:37; Rev 1:5
Massacre of infants	Jer 31:15	Matt 2:17-18
Conceived by the Holy Spirit	Jer 31:22	Matt 1:20; Luke 1:35
A New Covenant	Jer 31:31-34	Matt 26:27-29; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:15- 20; I Cor 11:25; Heb 8:8-12; 10:15-17; 12:24; 13:20
A spiritual house	Jer 33: 15-17	John 2:19-21; Eph 2:20-21; I Pet 2:5
A tree planted by God	Ezek 17:22-24	Matt 13:31-32
The humble exalted	Ezek 21: 26-27	Luke 1:52
The good Shepherd	Ezek 34: 23-24	John 10:11
Stone cut without hands	Dan 2:34-35	Acts 4:10-12
His kingdom triumphant	Dan 2:44-45	Luke 1:33; 1 Cor 15:24; Rev 11:15
An everlasting dominion	Dan 7:13-14	Matt 24:30; 25:3; 26:64; Mark 14:61-62; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 1:7
Kingdom for the saints	Dan 7:27	Luke 1:33; I Cor 15:24; Rev 11:15
Time of His birth	Dan 9:24-27	Matt 24:15-21; Luke 3:1
Israel restored	Hos 3:5	John 18:37; Rom 11:25-27
Flight into Egypt	Hos 11:1	Matt 2:15
Promise of the Spirit	Joel 2:28-32	Acts 2:17-21; Rom 10:13
The sun darkened	Amos 8:9	Matt 24:29; Acts 2:20; Rev 6:12
Restoration of tabernacle	Amos 9:11-12	Acts 15:16-18
Israel regathered	Mic 2:12-13	John 10:14,26
The kingdom established	Mic4:1-8	Luke 1:33
Born in Bethlehem	Mic 5:1-5	Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4, 10-11
Earth filled with knowledge of the	Hab 2:14	Rom 11:26; Rev 21:23-26

glory of the Lord		
The Lamb on the throne	Zech 2:10-13	Rev 5:13; 6:9; 21:24; 22:1-5
A holy priesthood	Zech 3:8	John 2:19-21; Eph 2:20-21; I Pet 2:5
A heavenly High Priest	Zech 6:12-13	Heb 4:4; 8:1-2
Triumphal entry	Zech 9:9-10	Matt 21:4-5; Mark 11:9-10; Luke 20:38; John 12:13-15
Sold for thirty pieces of silver	Zech 11:12-13	Matt 26:14-15
Money buys potter's field	Zech 11:12-13	Matt 27:9
Piercing of His body	Zech 12:10	John 19:34,37
Shepherd smitten—sheep scattered	Zech 13: 1, 6-7	Matt 26:31; John 16:32
Preceded by Forerunner	Mal 3:1	Matt 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:27
Our sins purged	Mal 3:3	Heb 1:3
The light of the world	Mal 4:2-3	Luke 1:78; John 1:9; 12:46; 2 Pet 1:19; Rev 2:28; 19:11-16; 22:16
The coming of Elijah	Mal 4:5-6	Matt 11:14; 17:10-12