

Each one of us must prepare for His coming by opening the door of our hearts, personally asking Him into our lives as Savior and Lord. The Bible states (Romans 10:9 NLT):

“For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

His atoning blood is the perfect ongoing sacrifice or payment for our sins which have cut us off from God. Through Him we are forgiven, delivered from Satan’s domain of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God. We are reunited in fellowship with our Creator, made **children of God**, given **Eternal Life** as a **free gift**, and given **the power to live victoriously**, overcoming sin and evil, making a difference.

HERE’S HOW - to be reconciled to God through His Messiah, Yeshua Ha’Mashiach (Jesus). Pray this aloud and from your heart:

Lord God of our Fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I come before you just as I am. I have sinned against you, but I accept the perfect sacrifice of your Son Jesus on the cross as full and ongoing payment for my sins. I believe you raised Him from the dead. As you promised in your Word, forgive my sins, come into my heart, make me your child, give me your free gift of eternal life, and fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can serve and obey you. I acknowledge Yeshua as my personal Savior and Master, renouncing the Devil and all his works. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer and saving me now as you promised you would.

“Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth.”

- Isaiah 45:22 -

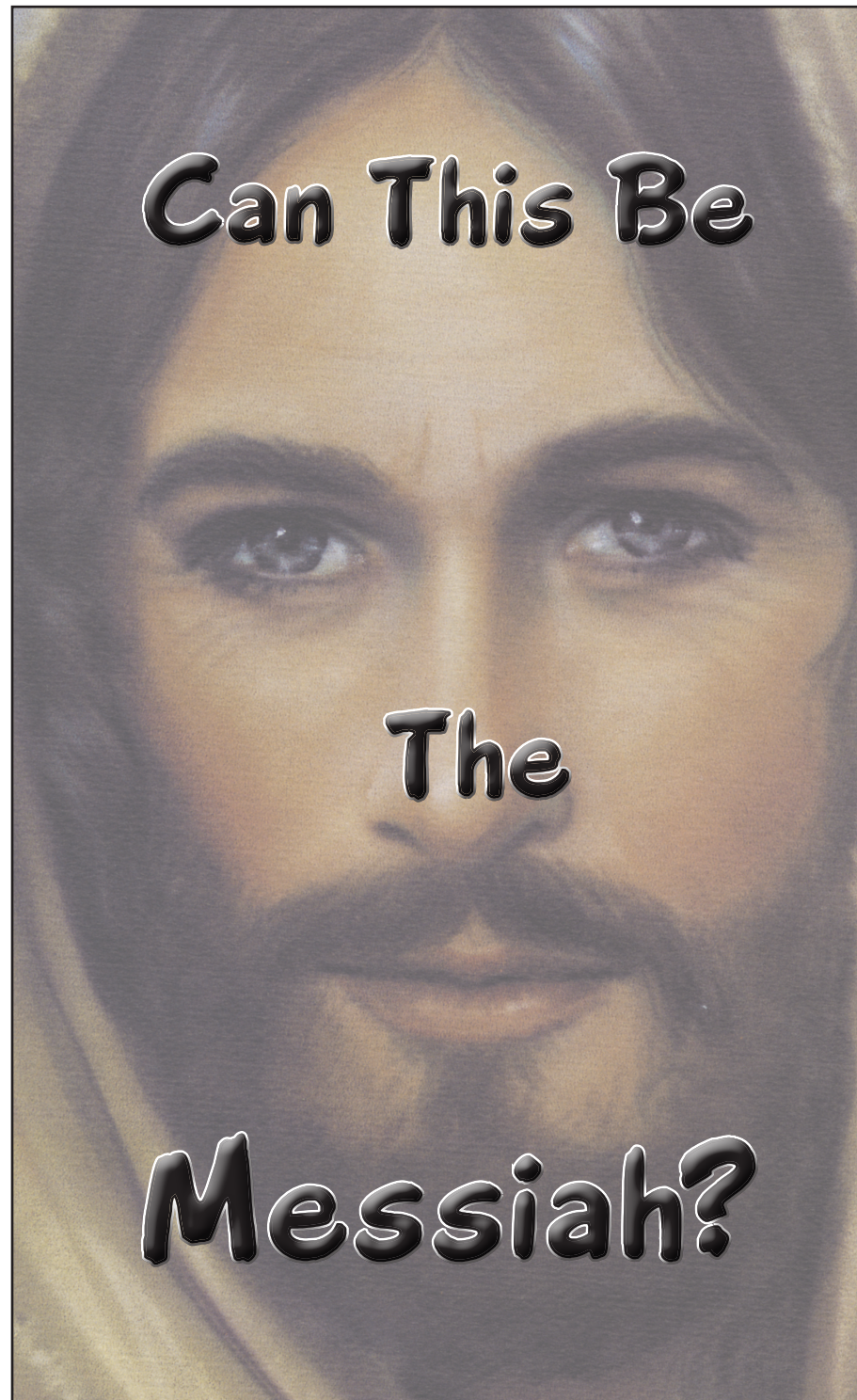
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This question was asked by a Samaritan woman in the Bible. Artist Bette Myers painted this picture of the man who appeared to her during a near death experience in the early 1980's.

Who is the Messiah?

How can we recognize Him?

When will He come?

Centuries ago prophets spoke of the coming of a great leader. He would be sent by God and would be called God's Anointed One, the Messiah. The current interest in the state of Israel awakens renewed interest in the Messiah. Here are six descriptions that identify Him:

1. *He must be of the seed of Abraham.* Moses recorded the promise of God to Abraham in the following way: "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 22:18).

2. *He must be of the tribe of Judah.* When Jacob was dying, he said to his son Judah: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" (Genesis 49:10).

3. *He must be of the house of David.* In Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah we read: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with justice and with righteousness" (Isaiah 9:7).

4. *He must be born of a virgin.* The Prophet Isaiah wrote: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

5. *He must be born in Bethlehem* as foretold by the prophet Micah: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be a ruler in Israel" (Micah 5:2).

6. *He must be God.* Isaiah clearly stated that when he wrote: "His name shall be called...The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

More than nineteen hundred years ago, a child was born in a stable in the town of Bethlehem. He was of the seed of Abraham. He was of the tribe of Judah and the house of David. His mother was a virgin.

The Messiah has come!

Who is the Messiah? *The only one who meets all the requirements is Jesus.* As a devout Jew, Jesus lived a remarkable life. He restored sight to the blind, healed crippled limbs and even raised the dead. He astounded the Jewish leaders of that time by His insight, wisdom and teaching of the Scriptures. By His words he proved himself to be God's Anointed One.

Then, according to the predetermined plan of God, Jesus gave Himself as God's Passover Lamb—he died for the atonement of His people's sins. As the Prophet Isaiah predicted:

"He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not....But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:3-6).

Jesus, the Redeemer, the Suffering Servant of God, died on the cross of Calvary and was buried. On the third day He rose from the dead and appeared to hundreds of eyewitnesses.

By the resurrection, God clearly demonstrated that Jesus is the Messiah. If you have not received Jesus as *your* Messiah, he invites you:

"Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends." - Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

CONCLUSION:

The Messiah has come and is alive and well living in the hearts and lives of His followers. The Scriptures tell us He will physically return to Earth to punish the wicked and reward His followers.

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