

## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 7: JESUS THE CHRIST: PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING

#### Opening

- Who is Jesus? He is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- When did Jesus become human? When did He become God?

- Why does Jesus have to be true man in order to save us from our sins?
- Why does Jesus have to be true God in order to save us from our sins?

Mark the following as true or false. Be ready to tell why you gave the answer you did:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The third article of the Apostles' Creed talks about Jesus
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Jehovah's Witnesses believe that only Jesus is God
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Bible proves Jesus is God by showing that He got tired
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The name Jesus means "Coming One"
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus kept God's Law perfectly
6. \_\_\_\_\_ When Jesus died, He paid only for the sins of those who believe in Him
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I am going to heaven
8. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Law demands that we die for the sins we commit
9. \_\_\_\_\_ We love and serve God because if we don't, we won't get to heaven

#### The Offices of Jesus

We have already talked about *who* Jesus is. Now we learn *what* He is. That is, what *position* He holds. We call this His *office*. To hold an office means to have a position. For example, long ago in America, George Washington held the *office* of President of the United States. Jesus holds an office too. In fact, He holds three of them.

In the Bible, people were **anointed** to show that they had been chosen to hold a particular office. The anointing was done by the pouring of oil in a special ceremony.

Jesus' official  
title *Christ*  
means:

ANOINTED  
ONE

To which offices could one be anointed?

Exodus 40:12-15 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 19:16 \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus was anointed too, but not with oil. How was Jesus anointed?

Acts 10:38 (598)

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## Jesus as Prophet

Can you name any of the Old Testament prophets?

Learn the main duty of a prophet according to Deuteronomy 18:18-20:

<sup>NIV</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."



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A prophet is one who \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you think of examples from the Bible where Jesus carried out the duties of a *prophet*?

Mark 4:1

Mark 10:1

John 8:28

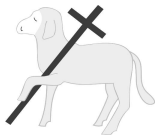
How does Jesus still carry out the work of a prophet *today*?

Acts 1:8 (605)

Ephesians 4:11 (1013)

## Jesus as Priest

The ancient priesthood and the sacrifices were instituted not for the purpose of getting forgiveness of sins before God, but only to symbolize the future sacrifice of Christ alone.



What were the duties of a high priest in the Old Testament according to Hebrews 5:1?

<sup>NIV</sup> Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

How does Jesus show Himself to be our true High Priest?

1. Hebrews 7:26-27 (611)
2. Romans 8:34 (614)
3. 1 John 2:1-2 (613)

*Advocate*  
*Propitiation*  
*Intercessor*

Find the definitions for these words on p. 119 of your catechism.

- The Roman Catholic Church calls its ministers priests and claims that their priests offer up the Sacrifices of the Mass to pay for the sins of people living and dead. But Christ, our High Priest, paid for all sin forever. In the New Testament all Christians are called priests, and they offer sacrifices of thanksgiving to God.

## Jesus as a King

What do you think of when you hear the word *king*?

List two duties of kings in the Old Testament:

1. 1 Samuel 11:11 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 2 Samuel 7:8 \_\_\_\_\_

How did Jesus carry out these duties of a king?

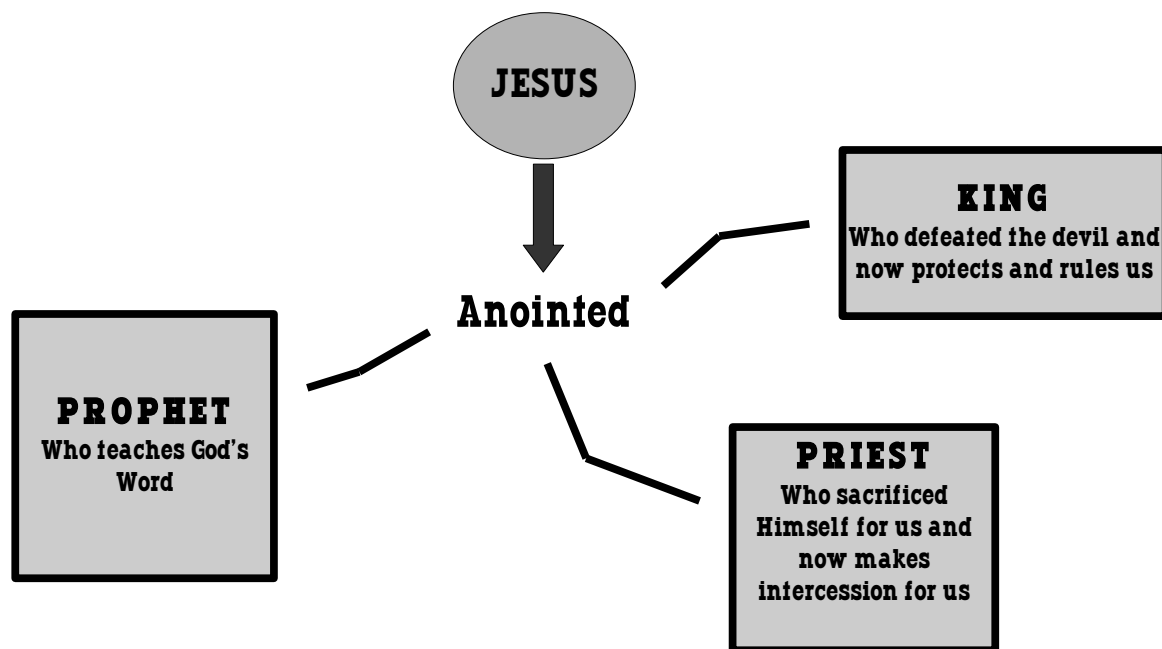
How does Jesus continue His work as our King today?

1. John 10:27-28 (622) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ephesians 1:20-23 (817) \_\_\_\_\_

**For thought:** *Where* is Jesus' kingdom? Where does He carry out His ruling activity? What about Bible passages like Luke 17:21 (617) and Romans 14:17 (618)?

## Summary



## Activities

- Write *prophet*, *priest*, or *king* in the spaces below to identify which office of Christ is being described.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus teaches the Word of God  
through Sunday School teachers

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus died on the cross  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus pleads for us before God

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was anointed

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus defeated death by giving us eternal life

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus rules over all things

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus kept the law perfectly

- Bible History:** Watch the filmstrip *David, A Young Hero* to learn of how an important Old Testament king was anointed. (Concordia Filmstrip Series, 79-340. Concordia Publishing House.)