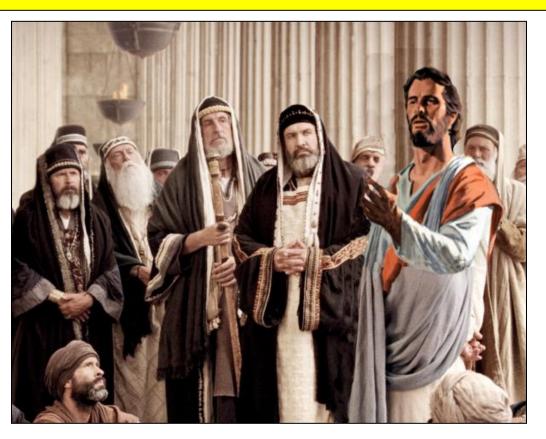
Who is Jesus?

Apollos was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

Act 18:27-28



The Virgin-born King

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14



V Pagan myths

Son of Mary

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

Matthew 1:16

Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father



So why did God choose Joseph?



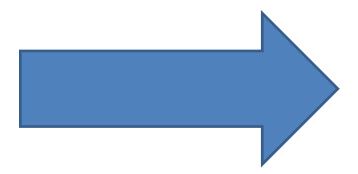
An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:20

Engaged to Mary Descended from the Kings of Judah



From Jesus' family and followers



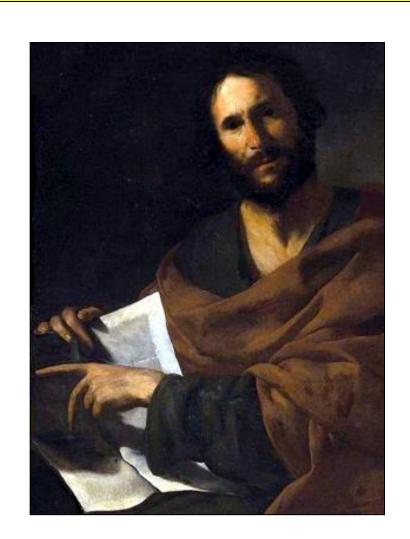
James, his brother

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, James 1:1

He recognizes the difference

This illustrates a really basic principle.

The power of personal experience



Mark (Peter's testimony)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

Mark 1:1



Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:16

John's testimony

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



Paul's testimony

God's Son...., who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1:2-4

Have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:7

The phrase "son of God" has several meanings in the Bible

Angels

Job 1:6 One day the **angels** came to present themselves before the LORD,

Humans

Isaiah1:2 Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I reared **children** and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.

King Messiah

Psalm 2:7 I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are **my son**; today I have become your father."

Jesus is a Priest

BUT not a priest in the tradition of Levi



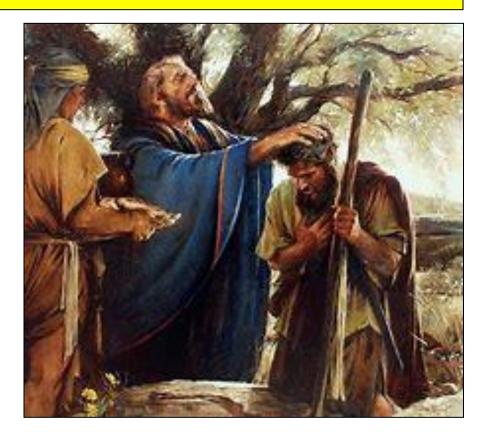
Aaron was appointed under the Law

Temporary individuals



He is an eternal Priest of a new priesthood in the ancient order of Melchizedek

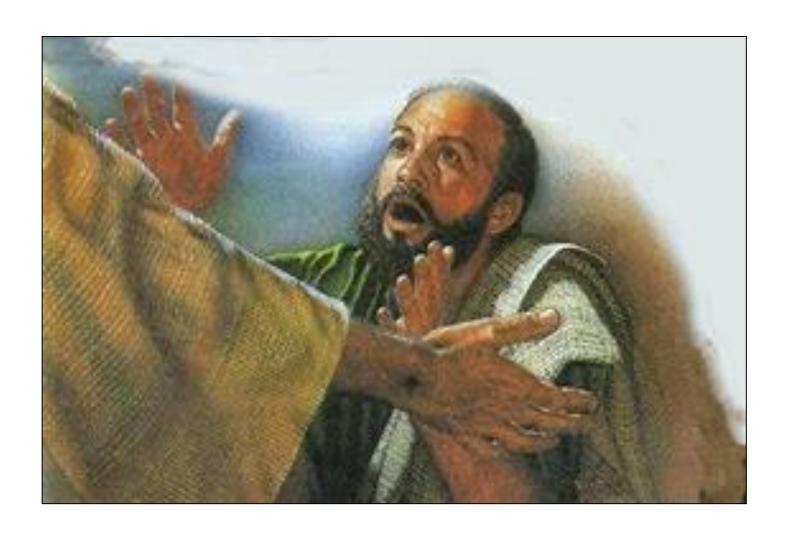
Melchizedek king of Salem. He was priest of God Most High, Gen 14:18



The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:
"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

Psalm 110:4

Jesus' priesthood is permanent – because of his resurrection



Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Hebrews 7:25-26

Jesus' priesthood is permanent –

Jesus the Messiah combines the roles of King and Priest and Prophet

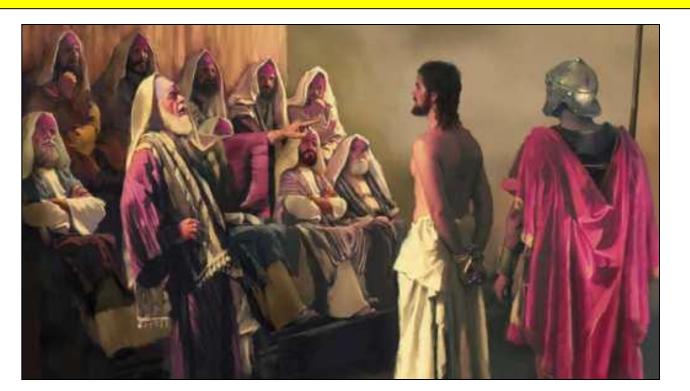


Jesus the Prophet

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

"You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Matthew 26:63-4



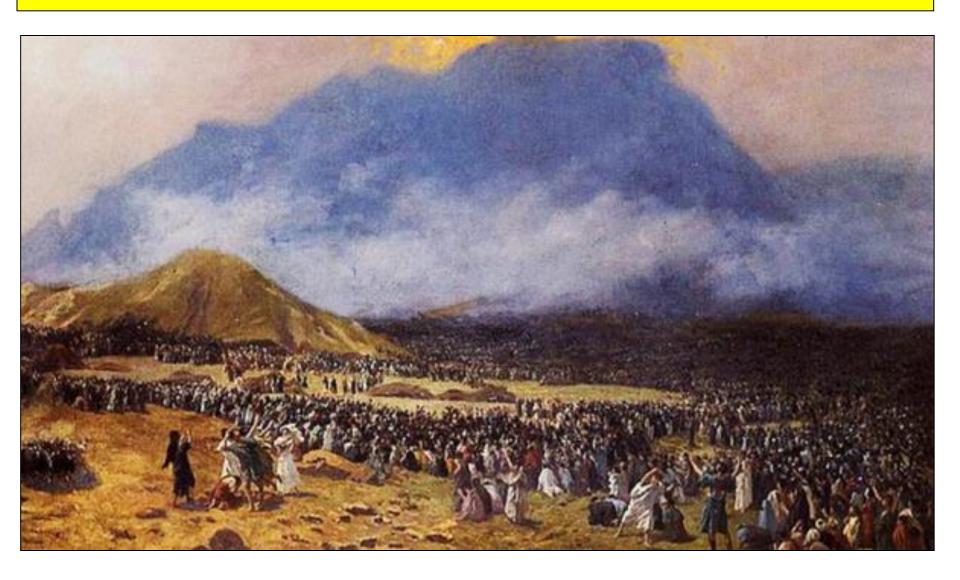
Beware of Fakes!



Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah', and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:4-5

You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites. Exodus 19:6



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1Peter 2:9

