

THE FOUR ANOINTINGS OF JESUS

Scripture Reading:

John 12 : 1-16

OVERVIEW

◆ The OT practice of anointing oneself or other with oils of perfumes served four purposes:

◆ **1. Grooming**

◆ Oiling hair and skin with oils and perfumes after washing oneself or a guest's feet

◆ **2. Consecration**

◆ Anointing to authorize or initiate a priest into ministry

OVERVIEW (continued)

◆ The OT practice of anointing oneself or other with oils of perfumes served four purposes:

◆ **3. Coronation**

◆ Anointing a king into his position of authority

◆ **4. Spiritual**

◆ The Holy Spirit coming upon a person to provide authorization, direction, and enablement

◆ Jesus experienced anointings on four separate occasions

THE ANOINTING THAT AUTHORIZED JESUS AS ISRAEL'S MESSIAH

◈ **Messiah = Christ (anointed one)** - Ps 2:2, Dan 9:25, Jn 1:41, 4:25

◈ **Anointed with the Holy Spirit** - Lk 3:22

◈ **Purpose of the Holy Spirit anointing Jesus**

◈ **To be king of Israel** - Acts 4:26-27

◈ **To direct the ministry of Jesus** – Lk 4:17-19

JESUS ANOINTED TO DISPLAY A PERSON'S GRATITUDE (Lk 7:37-50)

- ◆ An anointing of “grooming”
- ◆ A display of gratitude for forgiveness of sins
 - ◆ Only God can forgive sins- Mk 2:7
 - ◆ Jesus' claim to deity – Jn 8:24
 - ◆ Peter's confession of Jesus' claim of deity – Matt 16:16

JESUS ANOINTED FOR HIS BURIAL

(Mk 14:1-9, Jn 12:1-7)

- ◆ An anointing of “grooming” on Mary’s part in appreciation for the resuscitation of her brother Lazarus - Lk 9:20-22m 43-45, 18:31-34
- ◆ Jesus used this anointing to once again declare His foretold and necessary death – cf Jn 12:23-24
- ◆ The post-resurrection attempt to anoint Jesus’ (dead) body before the resurrection - Mk 16:1
 - ◆ This kind of anointing was no longer needed!

A NEW
MEANING
FOR THE
NAME
CHRIST!

- ◆ The Father MADE
Jesus both
LORD and CHRIST
by raising and
exalting Him to
God's right hand -
Acts 2:32-36

CONCLUSION

- ◆ The promised Son of God was sent to Earth - sent specifically to Israel and was:
- ◆ Designated (authorized) by the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be King of Israel and of the whole world.
- ◆ Jesus was anointed to show deep appreciation for the forgiveness of sins

◆ At the conclusion of His earthly ministry, Jesus was anointed to express one last time that He had to die to fulfill Scripture and the Godhead's plan to pay for the sins of all mankind

◆ Lastly, Jesus was made Christ – the anointed (authorized) One to be able to apply His payment for sin to all who would believe this wonderful Good News! Rom 4:25