**R846 Rumination for April 11, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **The Christ and the Christian**  [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth…Thou art* ***the Christ****.* Mk. 8:29

The **T**hots:

1. **The Christ** - *Peter answereth…Thou art* ***the Christ*.** Mk. 8:29

Cf. *He said…But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said,* ***the Christ*** *of God*. Lk. 9:20

1. The **C**onnotation of *the* ***C****hrist*
2. The O.T. **E**quivalent: ***M****āshaḥ or* ***M****ēsiah,* translates “*anoint*” in 68 out of 69 occurrences. Strong
3. The **E**nglish literal translation is **M**essiah = the Anointed One.
4. The **E**xamples of its use –
* For the Anointing of Kings –

…*the house of Judah have* ***anointed*** *me* [David] *king over them*. II Sam. 2:7

*Zadok the priest…****anointed*** *Solomon…all the people said, God save king Solomon.* I Kgs. 1:39, 45

* For the Anointing of Priests –

*The priest…that is* ***anointed****…shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the LORD…* Lev. 6:22
*They made Solomon…king…****anointed*** *him unto the LORD…and Zadok to be priest.* 1 Chr. 29:22

1. The N.T. **E**quivalent:*Christos*, translated *Christ*, 569 times. Strong.
2. The **C**oncept of *the* ***C****hrist*:
3. He was the OT **P**rophets’ **P**romised Messiah – Jn. 1:41

*We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted,* ***the Christ****.*

1. He was the NT **P**ersonal **S**aviour from **S**in. Jn. 4:29
2. *Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this* ***the Christ****?*
3. *And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed* ***the Christ****, the Saviour of the world.* Jn. 4:42
4. *She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art* ***the Christ****, the Son of God,* Jn. 11:27
5. He is the **P**rimary and unique Christ – *ho Christos*, ***the Christ***. Jn. 4:42; II Pet. 2:20;

*This is indeed* ***the Christ****, the Saviour of the world… the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*

The definite article ("*the*") before Christ indicates that the Lord Jesus is…

the One and the Only Anointed One, the One and Only **S**on of God, the One and Only **S**aviour.

1. The **C**onfrontation with *the* ***C****hrist*:
2. The **P**hilippian **C**onfusion regarding *the* *Christ*: Matt. 16:13-14

*When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying,*

*Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.*

1. Jesus’ **P**ersonal **C**hallenge – *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?* Mt. 16:15
2. **P**eter’s **C**onfession…*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*. Mt. 16:16
3. **P**eter’s **P**rivileged **C**oncession: Matt. 16:17

*Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona:*

*for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven.*

1. The High **P**riests’ “**C**ommand” to Jesus to identify *the* ***C****hrist*: Matt 26:63-64

*The high priest…said unto Him, I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether*

*Thou be* ***the Christ****, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said…*

* Indeed, Jesus is ***the CHRIST, the Son of the Living God!***
1. The **C**hallenge to believe in *the* ***C****hrist*… Jn. 20:31
2. Of the **S**criptures: *These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is* ***the Christ****,*

*the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.*

1. Of Paul and **S**ilas: Acts 16:29, 31

*They said, Believe on* ***the Lord Jesus Christ****, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

1. **The Christian.** *It* is Gk**. *Christianos*, from *Christos*; a Christian, i.e., follower of Christ.** Strong**.**
2. It originally was a name of **S**corn.

The origin of the name Christian was not given as a name of honour but rather of scorn.

Tacitus, a Roman historian, writing in the first century said, "The vulgar [morally crude,

undeveloped, coarse, gross, offensive] call them Christians." J.D. Watson

1. However, it became a name for **S**aved Christians in the Church. Acts 11:26

*And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*

1. For **P**aul, a **P**risoner of Christ, he wished King Agrippa could be **P**ersuaded to be a Christian like him.

*Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.*

*And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day,*

*were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.* Acts 26:28, 29

1. To the **P**ersecuted Christian, it was indeed a name of **P**ride. I Pet. 4:16
*Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*

*Jesus calls us over the tumult Of our life’s wild, restless, sea;*

*Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, Christian, follow Me!*

*Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world’s golden store,*

 *From each idol that would keep us, Saying, Christian, love Me more!* Cecil F. Alexander,

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK: R.846**

1. It is noteworthy that the Name of **Jesus Christ** appears in the Bible in various forms according to the purpose the author intends it to convey in the context of its content.

Here are some instances of their occurrences. Reflect on why the particular form is used in the context, the emphasis it intends to stress, e.g., on His Humanity, Deity, Divinity, Majesty, Sovereignty, Humility, etc.

Matt. 1:21 – *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name* ***JESUS****:*

 *for He shall save His people from their sins.*

Phil. 2:10 – *That at the name of* ***Jesus*** *every knee should bow, of things in heaven,*

 *and things in earth, and things under the earth*;

Phil. 2:11 – *And that every tongue should confess that* ***Jesus Christ*** *is Lord,*

 *to the glory of God the Father*.

Matt. 16:16 – *Peter answered and said, Thou art* ***the Christ****, the Son of the living God.*

Matt. 16:20 – *Then charged He His disciples that they should tell no man that He was* ***Jesus the Christ***

John 20:31– *But these are written, that ye might believe that* ***Jesus is the Christ****,*

 *the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.*

Phil. 1:1, YLT – *Paul and Timotheus, servants of* ***Jesus Christ****, to all the saints in* ***Christ Jesus*** *who are in Philippi, with overseers and ministrants*

Acts 16:31 *– Believe on the* ***Lord Jesus Christ****, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

Luke 2:11 – *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is* ***Christ the Lord*.**

There are still other forms in which the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord appears. Suffice

to study the above texts and reflect on why you think a particular form of His Name was

used in the context in which the particular name appears. **REFLECT.**

1. Acts 4:12 states – *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is* ***none other name***

 *under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*.

Thus, to be saved, we read:

John 10:9 – ***I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in****, he shall be saved,*

 *and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

Acts 2:21 – *It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall* ***call on the name of the Lord***

 *shall be saved.*

Rom. 10:13 – *For whosoever shall* ***call upon the name of the Lord*** *shall be saved.*

Acts 16:30, 31– *And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*

*And they said,* ***Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ****, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

 Rom.10:9, NRSV – *if you* ***confess with your lips that******Jesus is Lord******and believe***

 *in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved*.

If you claim yourself to be a saved Christian, can you recall a moment of time in your life when you did any of the above? **REFLECT**

**Points to Ponder:**

*A* ***Christ-****ian in not one in Name but one who has the Name of* ***Christ*** *in Him.*