

Fulfillment...

We Gentiles have a serious learning curve when it comes to Jesus; ***we haven't waited.***

And so Jesus is not the natural extension of relationship to us. Jesus is a band-aid. Jesus is a sin fix. Jesus drops out of the blue with a bag of goodies and a crop of Bible lessons, and we have to figure out what's happening here.

Can we learn to wait on One already arrived?

Tackling that learning curve...

"Savior" Saving *to* something, not just from!

"King" Realizing the full authority of a King!

"Lord" Wrestling with the reality of allegiance!

"Messiah" Learning to seek and depend upon him.

Next week is **Palm Sunday**. Have we ever really waited for that arrival? Have we ever really yearned to sing and dance and welcome the Anointed One?

Weekly Grace...

A bit of scripture and prayer to carry with us this week as we try to tackle that learning curve, to wait and anticipate the Lord:

Psalm 33:20-22

"We wait in hope for the LORD;

he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice,

for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you."

Sundays of Lent 2010... Mar. 21st

We're walking with Jesus during his years of ministry and public life:



† Jesus the Teacher, February 21st

† Jesus the Companion, February 28th

† Jesus the Healer, March 7th

† Jesus the Jew, March 14th

† **Jesus the Messiah, March 21st**

Jesus as the Messiah (Christ)

Our scripture reading this morning is a medley from all four Gospel writers.

We are presented, at the outset of the gospel journey with a **Jesus** (Yeshua) who is **Messiah** (Anointed One). Who is anointed? Kings and Priests are anointed... and we are given a framework for Jesus as having both this Kingly and Priestly authority for our lives.

Jesus comes into our great narrative as the Promised One of the Jewish people, anointed and set apart, Chosen.

Not a last name...

"Christ" is an attempt to render the Greek attempt to capture this One who comes to us in fulfillment...

Messiah!



~ Anointed One ~