

Was Jesus deluded, or the Gospel writers mistaken?

“Are you **the one who is to come**, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see... It is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Matthew 3-4, 11:10 NRSVue

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything **written about me** in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Luke 24:44 NRSVue

Technical Usage of “Anointed” in the Tanach for the historical king or future King

The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his **anointed**.” 1 Samuel 2:10

He is a tower of salvation for his king
and shows steadfast love to his **anointed**,
to David and his descendants forever.” 2 Samuel 22:51

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my **anointed** one forever.
1 Samuel 2:35

Now these are the last words of David:
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the **anointed** of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: 2 Samuel 23:1

The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his **anointed**, Psalms 2:2

Now I know that the LORD will help his **anointed**;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand. Psalms 20:6

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his **anointed**.
O save your people and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd and carry them forever. Psalms 28:8-9

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They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your **anointed**. Psalms 84:7-9

Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,
which by your faithfulness you swore to David?
Remember, O Lord, how your servant is taunted,
how I bear in my bosom the insults of the peoples,,
with which your enemies taunt, O LORD,
with which they taunted the footsteps of your **anointed**. Psalms 89:49-51

In fury you marched on the earth;
in anger you trampled nations.
You came forth to save your people,
to save your **anointed**. Habakkuk 3:12-13

Know therefore and understand: from the time that the word went out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the time of an **anointed** prince, there shall be seven weeks, and for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with streets and moat, but in a troubled time. After the sixty-two weeks, an **anointed** one shall be cut off and shall have nothing, and the troops of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Daniel 9:25-26

Random texts about a coming one

The LORD says to **my lord**,
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies your footstool.” Psalms 110:1

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are **a priest forever** according to the order of Melchizedek.”, Psalms 110:4

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
He will execute judgment among the nations, Psalms 110:5-6

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

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Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and **forevermore**.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. Isaiah 9:5-7

Importance of Messianic prediction in the Tanakh

(Rydelnik, 2010)

1. The best way to explain the messianic speculation in the second-temple period.
2. Biblical apologetic for Jesus being the Messiah.
3. Gives Christians confidence in the Tanakh as the inspired words of God.
4. Foundation for identifying Jesus as the true Messiah.
5. Affects how we understand inspiration and interpretation of the Bible.