



# **WHO IS JESUS?**

In  
The New Testament

# The Most Critical Question

- **The most important question in Christianity is Not:**
  - What is Christianity?
  - What are the teachings of Jesus?
  - How is Jesus possible?
  - When was Jesus?
  - ...etc.
- **BUT...**
  - **Who is Jesus?**
  - Who is this Historical Figure who trotted the streets of Palestine some 2000 years ago?
  - Who is this Person who **AMAZED** everyone who met Him or heard about Him?





# Who Do People say that I am?

- Some people claim he's a great teacher.
- Others think he's only a prophet.
- Some dismiss him as a liar or even a madman.
- Millions hail him as Savior and Lord.
- Whatever people think of him, nobody can deny that He stands at the very crux of human history.



# The Biblical Record

- Jesus was born to a Virgin
- Lived a sinless life
- Taught throughout Palestine for little over 3 years
- Was crucified, died and rose back to life 3 days after His death
- More than 500 people saw Him after his resurrection



# A Great Teacher or Something More?

- The Life He lived...
- The Morals He taught...
- The Miracles He performed...
- The Authority & Power He possessed...
- The Impact and Influence He had and continues to have...

**All point to the FACT  
that He is no ordinary leader**





**THEREFORE**

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# Jesus' Character & Attributes



- **Holy**

“And the Angel answered and said to her [Mary],  
“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the  
power of the Highest will overshadow you;  
therefore, also, that Holy One, who is to be  
born will be called the Son of God” (Lk. 1:35)

- **Righteous**

“You [Jesus] have loved righteousness and  
hated lawlessness” (Heb. 1:9)

- **Good**

“Now behold, one came and said to Him [Jesus],  
“Good Teacher, what good things shall I do  
that I may have eternal life?” (Matt 19:16)

- **Faithful**

“He [Jesus] who calls you is faithful, who also  
will do it” (1 Thess 5:24)



# Jesus' Character & Attributes



- **True**

“and we are in Him, who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life” (1 John 5:20)

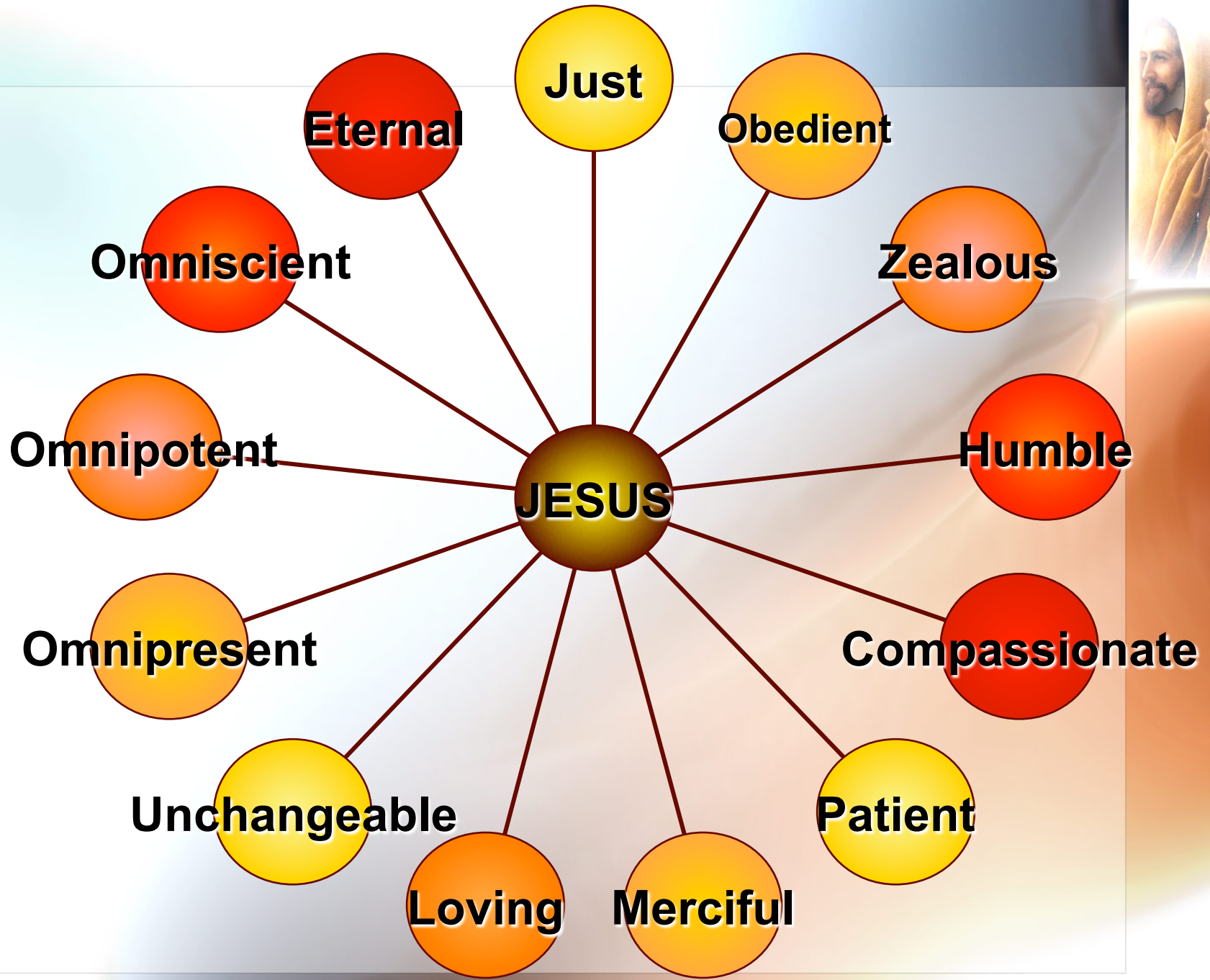
- **Sinless**

“Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?” (John 8:46)

“Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth” (1 Pet 2:22)

- **Forgiving**

“The Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Lk 23:34)



# Jesus – The Fulfiller of OT Prophecies

- The OT (completed 450 B.C.) contains over **300** prophecies about the Messiah
- **All** fulfilled by Jesus in the NT
- Textual and historical evidences
- ***The chances:***
  - For 8 prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.
  - For 48 prophecies: 1 chance in  $10^{157}$
  - Add to that the 250 other prophecies and it becomes impossible for any other person except Jesus to ever fit that particular sequence of time and events.



# Examples

## 1. The Messiah would be preceded by a messenger

Old Testament (Isaiah 40:3) says:

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."

New Testament (Matthew 3:1-2) says:

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

## 2. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem

Old Testament (Micah 5:2) says:

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

New Testament (Matthew 2:1) says:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod...



# More Examples

## 3. The Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah

Old Testament (Genesis 49:10) says:

*This passage talks about a ruler coming from the Tribe of Judah, one whose rule will be all-powerful:*

"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his."

New Testament (Luke 3:23-34 and Matthew 1:1-16):

*Here you'll find a list of Jesus' ancestors, going back to Judah, who was one of the 12 sons of Jacob. (Jacob's 12 sons were the fathers of the 12 Tribes of Israel).*

## 4. The Messiah would enter Jerusalem on a colt

Old Testament (Zechariah 9:9) says:

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

New Testament (Luke 19:35-37) says:

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

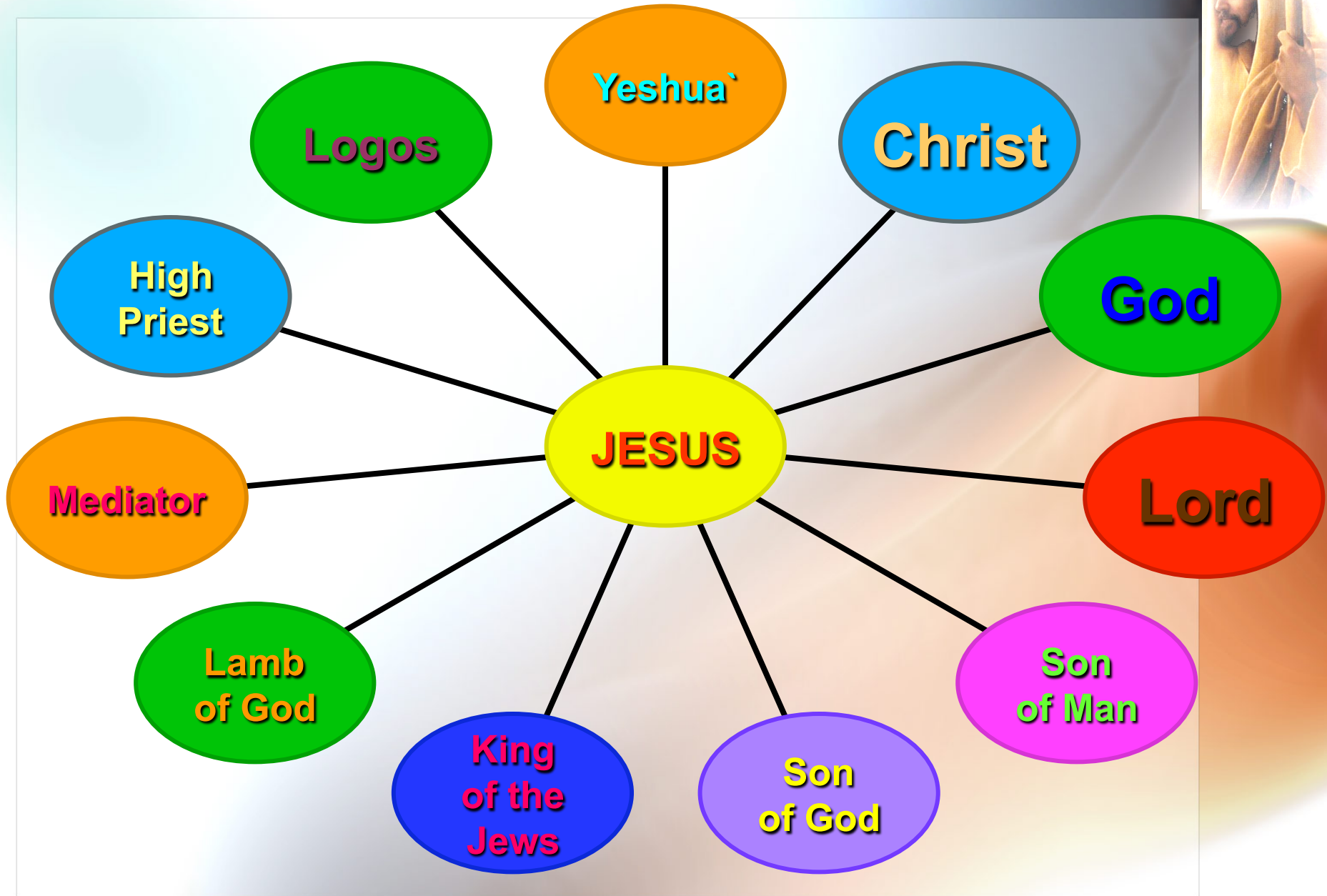


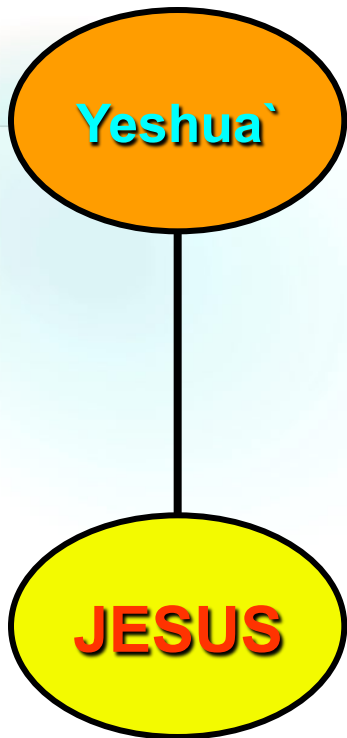
# The List goes On...

5. The Messiah would be **betrayed** by a friend
6. The Messiah would be **sold for** 30 pieces of silver
7. The Messiah would be **spit upon** and beaten
8. The Messiah would be **wounded** by His enemies
9. The Messiah would be **silent** before His accusers
10. The **betrayal money** thrown in the temple and given for a potters field



# Titles of Jesus in NT





- The name is related to the Hebrew **יְהוֹשׁוּעַ** Joshua

- Breaking the name down, we see that there are two parts:

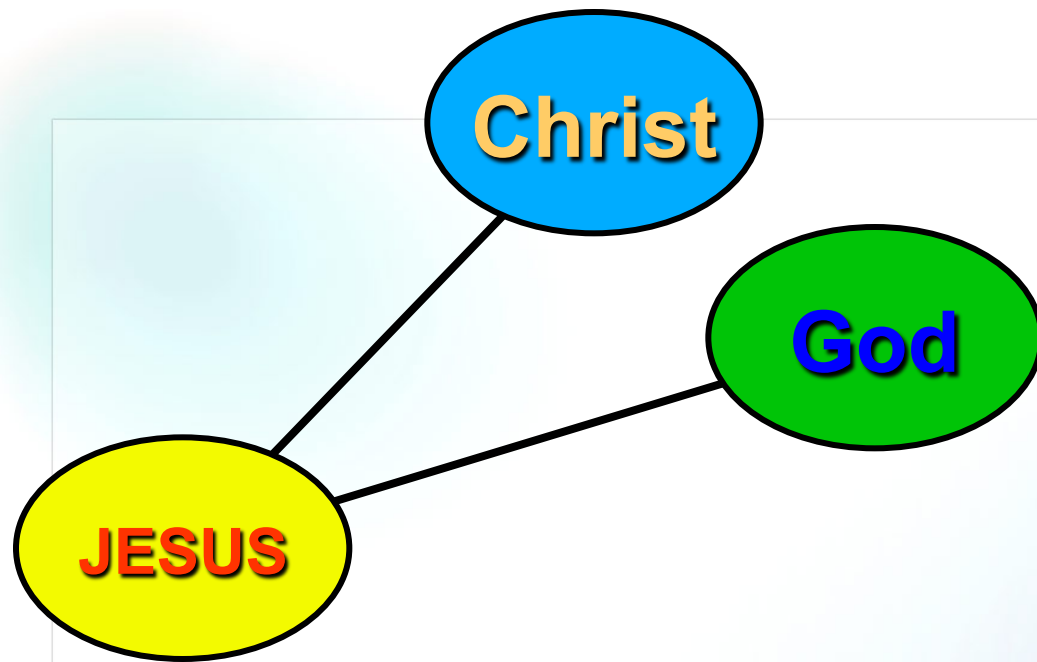
- ↑ Yeho, a theophoric reference **יהו** – to **YHWH**,  
name of the God of Israel  
plus

- the three letter root **ישׁ** relating to the noun shua

- **YHWH** saves







## •Christ:

- Greek **Χριστός** (*Khristos*)
- Messiah
- annointed king, prophet, high priest.



## •God:

- Hebrews 1:8-9
- John 1:1
- John 20:28
- Matt 1:23
- Acts, St. Paul's letters, James, John, Revelation

**JESUS**

**Lord**

**Son  
of Man**

**Son  
of God**

**Lord:**

- The Gospels and Acts
- Phil 2:11 “that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”

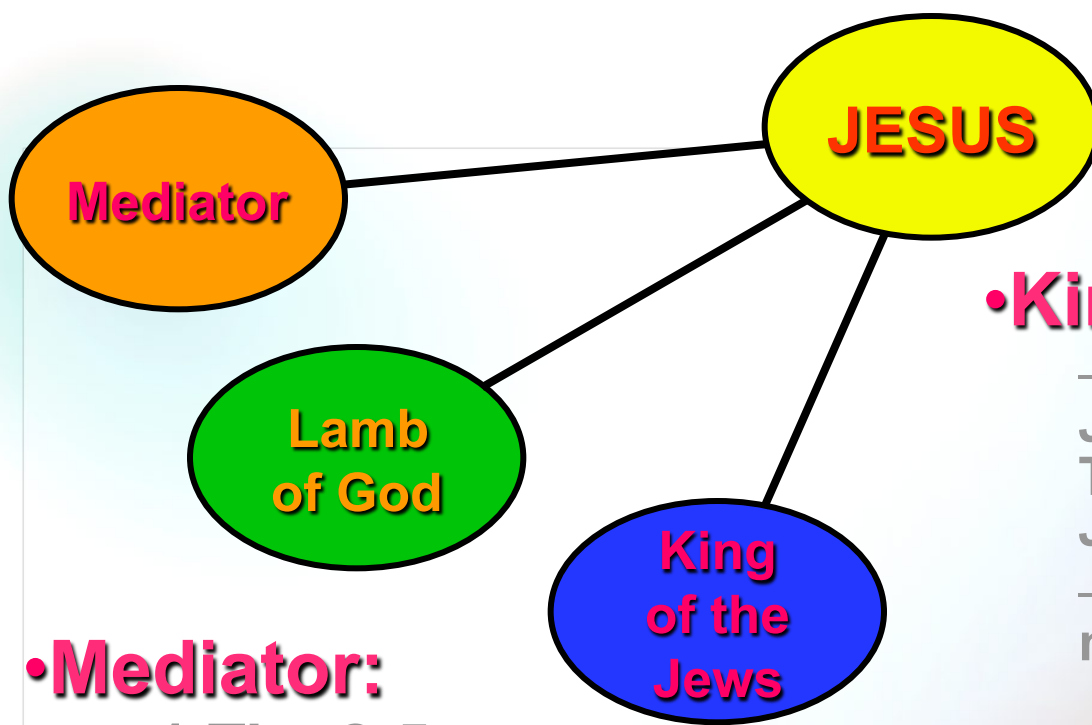
**•Son of God:**

- Heavily used in the Gospels
- Jesus’ Divinity
- Heb 1:8 “But to the Son He says, ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever’”

**•Son of Man:**

- בר נשא
- Mainly in Gospels
- Jesus’ humanity
- Tied with divine attributes nevertheless





## •Mediator:

- 1 Tim 2:5  
between God  
and men.
- In Hebrews  
8:6, 9:15, 12:24  
of the new  
covenant.

## •King of the Jews:

- INRI “Latin” for  
Jesus of Nazareth,  
The King of the  
Jews” (Jn 19:19)
- Also in the Magi’s  
narrative

## •Lamb of God:

- Specific Title in John’s  
Gospel
- “Behold the Lamb of God who  
takes away the sin of the  
world” (Jn 1:29)
- Meaning:
  - Sacrifice
  - Child or Son of



**Logos**

**High Priest**

**JESUS**

## •Logos:

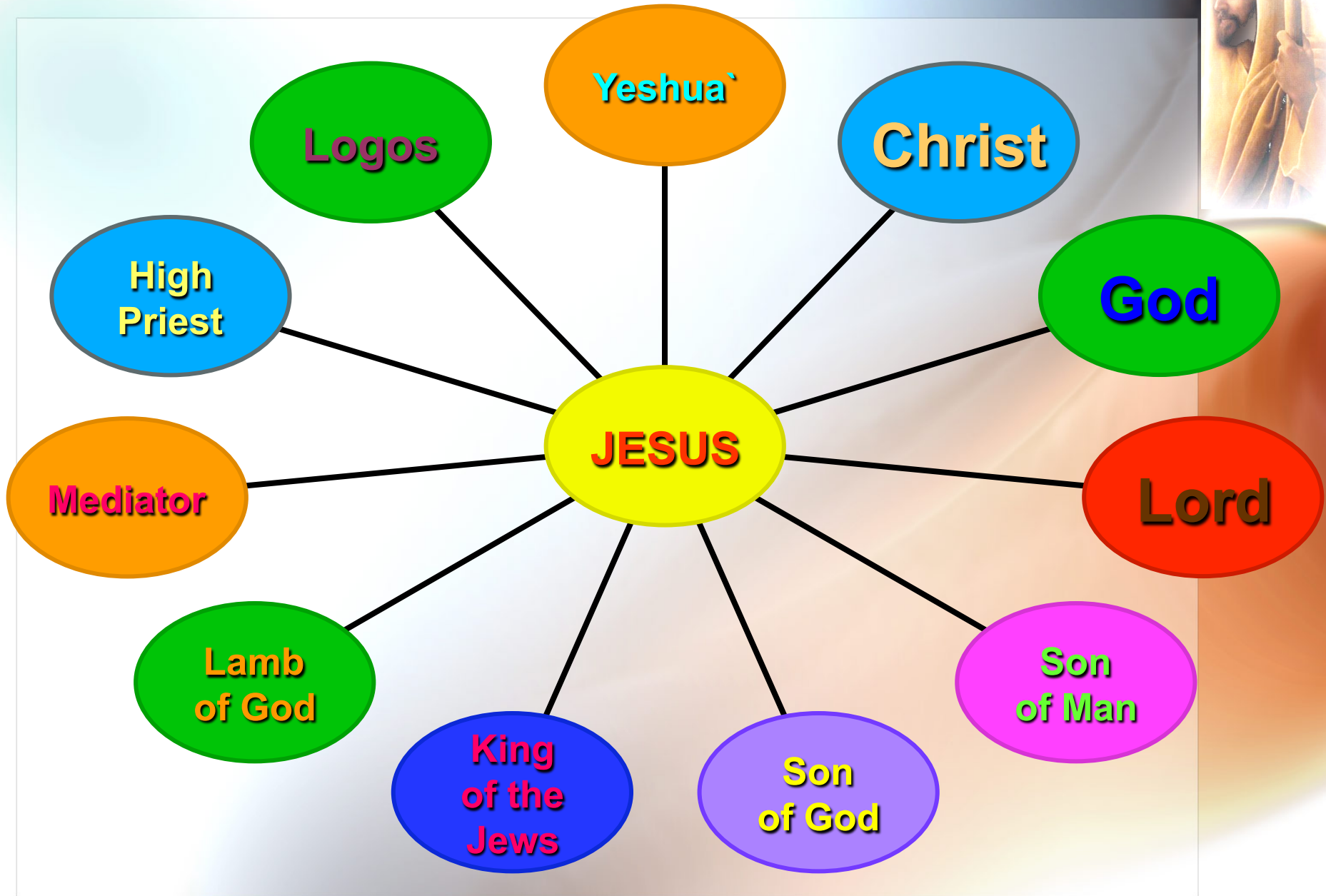
- The Word
- “In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God” (Jn 1:1 c. 1:14)

## •High Priest:

- Appointed & Called by God
- After the order of Melchizedek
- Superior to Aaron & Levitical Priests
- Over the NT Priesthood



# These are the Titles of Jesus in NT



# The Claims of Jesus in NT



- **He claimed to:**

- live a sinless life
- be the ONLY way to God
- have the same glory of God in heaven
- be able to forgive sins
- be a Heavenly King
- be able to give everlasting life

- **He claimed that:**

- He would die and come back to life
- He would return again to judge the world

- **He claimed to be:**

- God & Messiah

# Miracles of Jesus



- ✓ He **healed** the lame & the blind
- ✓ He **controlled** the movement of fish
- ✓ He **calmed** the storms
- ✓ He **raised** the dead
- ✓ He was raised from the dead
- ✓ He **changed** substances
- ✓ He **cast out** demons





**NOW**

**If I ask you**

**WHO IS JESUS?**

**Would You Know Him?**





