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The nature of Christ Pt 6 Jesus is **the** Christ.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. Jesus is the Christ.

"Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ...? And Jesus said, I am..." (Mk.14: 61 & 62).

Jesus is "the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ" (Jn,1: 41) of Israel, prophesied in the Old Testament (Dan.9: 25 & 26). Messiah means "anointed one" foretold in Is.61: 1 which Jesus turned to in Lk.4: 18 and in verse 21 affirmed that "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears". In other words, He who was foretold is in your midst, which even the devils knew (see Lk.4: 41).

2. Jesus is the Son of the Blessed.

"Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am..." (Mk.14: 61 & 62 and Jn.9: 35 – 37 – Jesus affirms He is the Son of God).

With the word "Blessed" being a capital letter it designates a name for God, or His Son, as affirmed in Lk.8: 28 – Where the unclean spirits said "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high?" Let us remember that this is different to where the scriptures identify the virgin Mary as "blessed" (Lk.1: 28), and uses small letters, but the Roman Catholics use a capital M when they call her the Mother of God (Catech.972 – "The Church is awaited by the one she venerates as Mother of her Lord").

3. Jesus is the Son of Man.

"For whether is easier, to say, [Thy] sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" (Matt.9: 4 & 5).
See also – Matt.8: 20 & Lk.22: 48.

The first man Adam was made a living soul" – created by God Almighty, whereas "the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" and called himself the Son of man, such that he was born of man (woman) and therefore a son, but was the first son to be conceived by the Holy Ghost, hence "son" is capitalised.

Additional comments on our three points.

There were times when Jesus either refused to answer or asked another question when He was asked about who He was – Jn. 18: 33 & 34, where he replied "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?" But in Mk.14: 61 & 62 Jesus was clear, "I am" the anointed one that was prophesied in the law and the prophets, the one that all of Israel have been waiting for, the promised Messiah, and all that that meant within the context of Judaism.

Applying the teaching to our life today.

When Karen and I attended a Messianic group they, during an evening bible study admitted that the New Testament was only a commentary on the Old Testament, and later on the group folded and the elders went and worshipped at the Synagogue.

Question to think about.

Why did the elders go and worship at the Synagogue?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

Because they did not believe the testimony of the New Testament, they did not believe it to be holy scripture. If a man believes the record of the scriptures as we have them today, he will believe that Jesus **is** the Christ that was prophesied in the Old Testament, He **is** the Son of the Blessed, and He **is** the Son of man.