## **Behold Your Messiah**

Week 1: Roman Occupation and the Euangelion

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## Exodus 19:4-6 ESV

'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

c.f. Deuteronomy 28

A \_\_\_\_\_\_ was one who put his or her god on \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the world through every aspect of life: words, actions, relationships, purpose, etc.

## 1 Peter 2:9 ESV

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Due to the loss of the Temple-centered sacrificial system, a new religious system developed while in exile: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Announcement of the crowning of Tiberius Caesar:

I am the official herald of our divine emperor. Today I bring you good news [ $E \cup \alpha \gamma \gamma \epsilon \lambda \cup \sigma$ ] for all people of the earth. For today in the city of Rome and new emperor was crowned. He is lord and king. He is Empirator Tiberius Julius Augustus Caesar. Son of a god, savior of the world. He brings peace to all. May the gods be praised.

Eυαγγελιον: "good news/ gospel:" a \_\_\_\_\_ term which was originally used when a runner would bring the good news of \_\_\_\_\_ to the villages and kingdoms of Greece and eventually Rome.

Messiah was the \_\_\_\_\_\_ which the Jews believed had been promised to them by God through the prophets to free the nation from oppression and restore shalom to the ends of the earth.

## Luke 2:10-14

...I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

> <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people of goodwill!"

**Challenge:** As a disciple of Messiah, you are part of his kingdom of priests. What can you do look and sound more like him?