

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 24
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How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

John 1:14-18.

1 Peter 1:10-12.

John 15:15.

John 20:30,31.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16.

Colossians 2:1-3.

Luke 24:44, 45.

Personal application.

The treasures of ultimate wisdom and knowledge, the path of salvation, are to be found in Scripture alone. No other documents, humans, or traditions can bear ultimate authority, for it is divine. The Bible is self-interpreting. Accordingly, the Christian creeds are to be respected, even trusted, because – and only because – they convey the Word of God in pastoral form, insofar as they have been tested against the inspired Word.

Heidelberg Catechism
appended for comparison

Q 31. Q. Why is he called “Christ,”
meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit

to be
our chief prophet and teacher

who fully reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;

our only high priest

who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;

and our eternal king

who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom he has won for us.