

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Mark 8:27-38

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The story of the King... who came to serve.

THE SETTING

²⁷Jesus and his disciples headed out for the villages around Caesarea Philippi. As they walked, he asked, "Who do the people say I am?" (MSG)

THE CONFESSION

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. (NIV)

THE CONFRONTATION

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him (ESV) ³³ But turning around and looking at His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan, because you're not thinking about God's concerns, but man's!" (HCSB)

THE COST

³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? (HCSB)

"Jesus does not offer his disciples varieties of self-fulfillment, intoxicating spiritual experiences, or intellectual stimulation. He presents them with a cross. He does not invite them to try it on for size to see if they like it. He does not ask for volunteers to carry one for extra credit." -NIV Application Commentary by David E. Garland pg.334

THE CONSEQUENCE

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (ESV)

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

1. When you travel, is Jesus going with you?

- **"Caesarea Philippi"** - Represents the unexpected difficult places to talk about Jesus.
- **"As they walked"** - Often the best teaching moments take place as we are on the move. DEUT. 6:4-8

2. Do you understand the EXPECTATION?

- **Deny Yourself** - Recognizing that I'm not the boss anymore. God sets the principles and priorities for my life.
- **Pick up your cross** - Do not expect it be easy.
- **Follow me** - Jesus only ask us to do what He has already done.

3. Will you follow Him as Lord?

Jesus does not deny that He is the MESSIAH. But will **YOU** follow Him, **on His terms?**

In Jesus' own commitment to the Father they (the disciples) possessed a paradigm for their commitment to Him and the gospel. -**The Gospel of Mark** by William L. Lane pg.311

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