

Who do you say I am?

Text: Mark 8:27-30

The most important questions of life:

Who is God? Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where will I go when I die?

When answering the question “Who is Jesus?”...

1. _____ what others say (vs. 27-28)

- A. Just as in the time of the early disciples, there is a lot of diversity on who people believe Jesus is.
- B. According to a Barna report in 2015, 62% of America’s Elders believe Jesus is God. Comparatively, 58% of boomers, 55% of Gen-xer’s, and 48% of Millennials believe that Jesus is God.

2. _____ Jesus for who He truly is (vs. 29)

- A. Peter correctly confesses Jesus as the Christ. The title “Christ” means that Jesus is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, the Anointed One sent to save God’s people.
- B. In the Old Testament - when the kings of Israel would have their coronation - they would be anointed with oil. They would be referred to as the “anointed one.” These kings all looked forward to someone - the Messiah - who would come and reign over Israel.

3. _____ it from the rooftops (vs. 30)

- A. Jesus’ messianic mission cannot be understood apart from the cross, which the disciples did not yet understand (cf. vv. 31–33; 9:30–32). For them to have proclaimed Jesus as Messiah at this point would have only furthered the misunderstanding that the Messiah was to be a political-military deliverer. The fallout was that the Jewish people, desperate to be rid of the yoke of Rome, would seek to make Jesus king by force (John 6:15; cf. 12:12–19). (John MacArthur Study Bible)
- B. This strict charge from Jesus to his disciples to “tell no one,” has been lifted today, where we are now commanded in Mark 16:15 to “go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.”