

October 22, 2017
Mark 8:27-30

WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?

I. Introduction:

The Significance of Questions

II. Two Important Questions:

A. Jesus Asks A Probing Question

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “**Who do people say I am?**” ²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” Mark 8:27-28

- John the Baptist
- Elijah
- Other Prophets
- The Pharisees said in John 10:20
- Scribes said in Mark 3:22
- The Sanhedrin said in Matthew 26:65-68
- Jesus own Family said in Mark 3:21
- Religious Elite said in Mark 15:31-32

Those Who Got It Right

- John the Baptist got it right – **John 1:29-34.**
- The Angels got it right – **Luke 2:9-14.**
- Simeon got it right – **Luke 2:25-35.**
- Anna got it right – **Luke 2:36-38.**
- The dying thief got it right – **Luke 23:42.**
- The Roman Centurion got it right – **Mark 15:39.**
- The blind man got it right – **John 9:38.**
- Bartimaeus got it right – **Mark 10:47.**
- The crowds outside Jerusalem got it right – **John 12:13.**
- Even the demons got it right – **Mark 5:7.**

Who Do People Today Say Jesus Is?

Muslims, Hindu's, Jew's, Buddhist, Mormon's,
Jehovah Witness's, Atheist, Agnostics, Society

Who Did God Say Jesus Is?

When Jesus was baptized by John in Jordan, God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," Matthew 3:17.

When Jesus was transfigured, God the Father said, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!
Mark 9:7

B. Jesus Asks A Personal Question

I ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "**Who do you say am?**" Peter answered, "You are the Christ"
Mark 8:29

"You are the Christ, The Son of the living God"
Matthew 16:16

"Jesus replied, "blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven." Matthew 16:17

III. Conclusion And Application:

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of October 21st to 27th
Mark 8:27-30

Open It

1. Where do you tend to experience the pressure of a larger group?
2. *When have you ever succumbed to group pressure when you knew you should not have?

Explore It

3. Where did this episode take place? (8:27)
4. *What did Jesus ask His disciples? (8:27)
5. *What did people theorize about Jesus? (8:27-28)
6. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' question? (8:28)
7. How had people connected Jesus with Elijah, John the Baptist, and other prophets? (8:28)
8. How did Jesus make this discussion personal? (8:29)
9. *How did the disciples answer Jesus' question? (8:29)
10. Who did Peter say Jesus was? (8:29)
11. Who spoke for the whole group of disciples? (8:29)
12. What was Peter's declaration of faith? (8:29)
13. What warning did Jesus give His disciples? (8:30)

Get It

14. Why do you think Jesus asked about His identity at this particular point?

15. Why would people think that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the other prophets?
16. Why do you think Jesus asked the two questions in the order He did?
17. Why would Jesus warn the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah?
18. *Who do you say Jesus is?
19. How do your beliefs go against the flow of the majority in our world?
20. What is it like to stand up against the views of the crowd?
21. How does the knowledge that one day everyone will know that Christ is Lord affect your attitude about the pressure you feel from the world?
22. *Why is it important for a Christian not to hide his or her faith in Christ?
23. How can we stand up for what is right in the face of pressure from others to compromise?
24. What can we learn from Peter's example?
25. How do your beliefs in Jesus Christ affect your everyday life?

Apply It

26. *How can you state your faith in Christ's Lordship?
27. Whom should you tell this week about your faith in Christ?
28. What specific area of your life do you need to submit to the Lordship of Christ? How?