

The Jesus We Never Knew
“Who Am I and Who Are You?”
Mark 8:27-38

1. Which question are you answering?
2. The Importance of your own answer.
3. Who you are in the light of who Christ is.

Peter's Confession of Christ

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸They 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 Christ.[a]"

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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Questions for personal and small group study and reflection:

1. Can you recall a time where you learned or heard about someone, and when you got to know that person they turned out to be very different from who you thought they would be? What were the differences and why are there differences?
2. What are the common conceptions or misconceptions about Jesus Christ today?
3. What influences have contributed to your own view of who Jesus is?
4. In sharing of your testimony, how do you clearly communicate your deeply personal relationship with Jesus to others?
5. We are all called to “deny yourself and take up your cross” and the Holy Spirit is always uncovering areas in our lives we need to release. What evidence do you have that shows you have chosen to live out this calling for Jesus and what areas are you currently struggling to release to Him?