

SERMON NOTES

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Text: Mark 8:27-30

Title: Jesus Is The Christ

Big Idea: Jesus is the Christ.



“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
– A.W. Tozer

“Jesus says two things: *I'm a King, but a King going to a cross; and If you want to follow me, you've got to come to the cross too.*” – Timothy Keller

If you want to follow Jesus, His path will determine yours.

Jesus is the Christ. The question of Jesus' identity challenges each of us to not only answer it but to live in response to that answer.

I. A GENERAL QUESTION (vv. 27-28)

“Who do people say I am?”

The disciples' answer (v. 28): *And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.*

The prophets pointed to the Messiah, but they weren't the Messiah!

II. A PERSONAL QUESTION (vv. 29-30)

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter's answer (v. 29b): “You are the Christ.” (i.e., the divinely anointed leader and Messiah)

Genesis 3:15; 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Psalm 2; Isaiah 11:1-9; Jeremiah 23:5–6

We all have to wrestle with and answer that same question:

“Who do you say that I am?”

APPLICATION

1. What is your answer to Jesus' question in Mark 8:29?
2. Think through how that answer will affect your life today.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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READ Mark 8:27-30

Why do you think people in Jesus' time had such varied opinions about His identity (John the Baptist, Elijah, another prophet)? How do these responses reflect the spiritual expectations of the time?

What might have motivated Peter to declare, "You are the Messiah"? How significant is Peter's declaration in the context of the disciples' journey with Jesus?

Why did Jesus warn them not to tell anyone about Him? What does this command suggest about the timing of Jesus' mission? How might the crowd's misunderstanding of "Messiah" influence Jesus' instruction?

What are some common views people hold about Jesus today? How do these perceptions align or differ from Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah?

How would you answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?" What experiences or beliefs have shaped your understanding of who Jesus is?

How should acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah affect the way you live your daily life? What challenges do you face in openly declaring or living out your belief in Jesus?

How can we share the truth about Jesus with those who may have misconceptions about Him?

PRAY