

Part 4- The Son of God

Key Texts: Mark 8:27-35, Matthew 16:17-18

Time Frame: In the 3rd and final year of His ministry

Key Points:

You can know God

He taught, he healed, he showed his power and now He wants to know if they are now clear about his identity.

The Setting:

Mark 8:27- Background- in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, north of Judea, Gentile/non-Jewish area. Where Pantheon is (Pan- half man, half goat). Red light district.

The Main Question: "Who do people say I am?"

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

Caesarea Philippi Cave- 800 ft. deep and a stream running under it. Gate to the underworld. Sodomy, sex with goats, sex with their priests, animal sacrifice and baby roasting. This was the backdrop of Jesus and Peter conversing.

The Main Hindrance: Our human concern.

The Key To Knowing Jesus: Not selfishness nor pride but humility.

Trilemma: LIAR, LUNATIC or LORD

"According to the laws of legal evidence used in courts of law, there is more evidence for the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ than for just about any other event in history."

Simon Greenleaf, Harvard, 1900s

C. S. Lewis commented, "You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Barr, Adam. Exploring the Story: A Reference Companion (Kindle Locations 2400-2403). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

If Jesus is the "I AM" then I am not!

NOTES:

Suggested Reading for the Coming Week:

Blackout Hour: Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 13-14; 16-19