

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

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Who do you say that I am? | Luke 9:18-27

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at a story in Luke where Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say I am?". Peter responds, "God's Messiah". Jesus then challenges his disciples to consider that if this is true, it would completely turn their world upside down.

R E A D

Luke 9:18-27

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

1. What is sitting with you from the sermon or from reading the passage today that you'd like to discuss more?
2. What has happened in Peter's experience to make him conclude that Jesus is the Messiah? Has anything happened in your life to cause you to come to the same conclusion?
3. Matt quoted what is called C.S. Lewis' trilemma, that Jesus cannot just be a good teacher, but instead is either a liar, a lunatic, or who he says he is - the Lord. What are your thoughts on this? Is it possible for Jesus to have just been a good person?
4. Why do you think that Jesus is telling the disciples to keep His identity as the Messiah quiet? Why do you think Jesus is always doing this? If you were Jesus, would you give the same instruction?

5. Jesus has a lot of hard teaching on the nature of discipleship in this passage, what do you find the most jarring or difficult to hear?

6. The ancient world's honour and shame culture undergirds Jesus' statement that if we are ashamed of him, he will be ashamed of us, meaning that there would be the temptation to not follow Jesus wholeheartedly because it could bring shame on oneself and their family. This is not the same in our culture, what do you think Jesus would be saying to people in our individualized culture?

R E S P O N D

Answer Jesus' two questions: Who do others say He is, and who do you say He is? How might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to further explore who Jesus is, or to be a witness of Jesus to those around you?

Jesus talks about gaining the world and yet losing or forfeiting our very self. How might you be investing your life in things that are causing you to lose it? Bring this to Jesus.

P R A Y

Pray for one another to be able to bring your lives in alignment with the upside-down kingdom of Jesus.

Pray for one another to have a greater revelation of who Jesus is, and for wisdom on how to help those around you better understand who Jesus is.

