



## THE QUESTION

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Mark 8:27 – 38

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## MESSAGE NOTES

*Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him.*

*He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" He said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."*

*Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels." — Mark 8:27 – 38*

### HE IS CREATING ENGAGEMENT

*V. 29 "But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

- 1. Well done good and faithful servant.** *Matthew 25:23*
- 2. I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!** *Matthew 7:23*

### TURNING POINT

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## CONFUSION

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1. **Share the gospel**
2. **Help the disadvantaged**
3. **Forgive others of their offenses**
4. **View your position of authority as an opportunity to help the people under you, and view your position of subservience as an opportunity to submit to your authority, just as Jesus submitted to the Father’s authority. Either way, you can be Christlike**
5. **Seek to know the character of God better through church community, studying the Bible, praying**
6. **Recognize that every advantageous situation you’re in is because of God, the Source of every blessing**
7. **Be willing to be unpopular, displaying rare courage like the Good Samaritan in Jesus’ parable**
8. **In introspectively evaluating your own character, look at the character of Jesus as a measure rather than rationalize your questionable actions and attitudes. Show humility.**

*He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose. — Jim Elliot*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- According to Jesus, what is the cost of true discipleship?
- What does it mean to lose your life for Christ's sake?
- How should a believer's life be different from a non-believer's life?
- If you answer "Who do you say I am?" the same way Peter does, "You are the Messiah," what do you need to change to be a true follower of Christ?
- How has "take up their cross" looked in your life?
- In what ways are you living for yourself rather than Christ? What do you plan to do about that?