

YOU ARE THE CHRIST

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Mark 8:27-30

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[27] And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” [28] And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” [29] And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” [30] And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

INTRODUCTION

In Judges we were reminded that Israel needed a king; today the identity of this king will be revealed.

If you want to be a Christian you need to know Christ as he is, not as you want him to be.

REVIEW

The central question in the Gospel of Mark is the question of the identity of Jesus.

Mark

Mark 1:1—[1] *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

God the Father

Mark 1:11—[11] *“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*

Demons

Mark 1:24—[24] *“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”*

Mark 3:11—[11] *And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.”*

Mark 5:7—[7] *“What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?”*

The Scribes

Mark 3:22—*“He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”*

His family

Mark 3:21—*“He is out of his mind.”*

The disciples

Mark 4:41—*“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

Mark 8:18—*Having eyes do you not see?*

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM?

Caesarea Philippi

- About 25 miles north of the Sea of Galilee
- The northernmost point of Jesus' entire ministry
- Infamous for being a center of idolatry (Baal / Greek gods)

People who don't know Jesus are always wrong on their conclusions about Jesus.

Christ's identity comes to us through revelation.

Hebrews 13:8—[8] *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Philippians 3:8—*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

C.S. Lewis famously says in his book *Mere Christianity*. *“Let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.”*

Christ (*Christos*)

- Messiah / to anoint
- Anointing is very important for the identity of Christ
- Three offices—prophet, priest, and king

Jeremiah 23:5—[5] *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”*