

Readings

Scripture

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.

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

- Mark 8:27-33 (*English Standard Version*)

Reflection

Now comes the great confession of the Messiahship of Jesus by Peter...and the first clear prediction by Jesus to the disciples of his coming death. It is of course no accident that these two are joined. If the disciples see Jesus as the Messiah, it is essential that they see him as God's Christ and not a human Christ, and that they understand the path of Messiahship which has been ordained by God. The natural mind never objects to the concept of a Messiah, provided that he is to be a Messiah who commends himself to the natural mind. This careful explanation by Jesus was doubly important, not only so that the disciples might be kept from nationalistic or other misconceptions of Messiahship, but also because Christ's path would determine theirs...

- R. Alan Cole, *Tyndale NT Commentary: Mark* (p. 205)

"The real Jesus was frightening sometimes, and he said things I didn't like. He required sacrifice. He scared me by doing things I didn't believe he could. He was a better person than me. I preferred my fake Jesus."

- Matt Mikalatos, *Imaginary Jesus*

Sermon Outline

The Redeemer
Mark 8:27-33

Cover to Cover
Jeff Hooker

What do you value?

Four Jewish Values

- _____ (Genesis 12:1-3; Mark 7:24-30)
- _____ (Deuteronomy 5:1-3; Matthew 15:1-9)
- _____ (Joshua 1:1-6; Luke 20:19-26)
- _____ (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Mark 13:1-2)

Who do you say that I am? (Mark 8:27-33)

Messianic Misconceptions

Reflection Questions

- Where are we in the overall story of the Bible?
- How do we see Jesus in this passage or in these books?
- What are the fallen conditions addressed by the passage that highlight our need for grace?
- How do we see this applying to us today?