



“Who Is Jesus?”

Mark 8:27-33 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*In the first eight chapters of the Gospel of Mark, nobody really gets who Jesus is. But then God opens Peter’s eyes and He is able to see that Jesus is the Christ. The promised Messiah.*

I. Jesus is the Christ.

- A. There were many opinions circulating about Jesus’ identity, but Jesus isn’t interested in popular opinions. He wants to know who we think He is.
- B. Peter identifies Jesus as “the Christ.” In Greek – “Christos.”
 - 1. The word means “the anointed one,” referring to a king.
 - 2. But not just any king, but THE king of all kings.
 - 3. Jesus agrees with Peter’s discovery. (see Matt. 16:17)

II. Jesus Is the Son of Man.

- A. Jesus also refers to Himself as “the Son of Man.”
- B. He isn’t just referring to his humanity, but to the Old Testament reference in Daniel chapter seven.
- C. This divine royal figure is given dominion over the world by God – “the Ancient of Days.”

- D. Jesus then says something shocking about the “Son of Man.”
- E. The Son of Man must suffer and be killed.

III. Jesus Must Suffer and Be Killed.

- A. Jesus was speaking “the word” boldly.
- B. Peter rebuked Jesus for saying these awful things about Himself.
- C. But that is how Jesus is going to defeat evil and put things right.
- D. How Jesus shares this is even more astounding.
 - 1. He uses the Greek word “dei,” which means “must.”
 - 2. This word precedes a long list of things that will happen to the Son of Man.
- E. Why did Jesus say this?
 - 1. So our sins could be forgiven.
 - 2. In order to fulfill the Scripture.
 - 3. In order to conquer the powers of evil over us.
 - Was this the only way?
 - To fulfill God’s justice.
- F. Jesus defeated the principalities both human and demonic.

Conclusion