

THE GOSPEL OF MARK "WHO?"

V.27-28 PROBING QUESTIONS

- * Turning point in the Book of Mark
- * Mount Hermon bound (transfiguration)

1. KEY POINT: Multitudes have a very high and good opinion of Christ but do not really know and understand who Jesus is!

V.29-30 PERSONAL QUESTION

- * Reply is immediate, definite, & correct
- * Jesus wanted to hear what they thought
- * Jesus is his name, Christ is his title
- * Jesus knew they had more to learn

2. KEY POINT: True Christians know, believe, and confess that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

V.31 JESUS GIVES REALITY CHECK

- * Suffer, Rejection, Killed, Rise Again
- * Nature of Jesus' ministry misunderstood

3. KEY POINT: Jesus Christ was rejected, suffered, killed, and after three days rose again as our sin atoning substitute.

V.32 PETER REBUKES JESUS

- * Peter's messiah wouldn't suffer or be killed
- * Peter thought Jesus was a popular messiah who was expected to overthrow the Roman government and take his seat as King.

4. KEY POINT: There is in every true child of God a strange mixture of grace and imperfection, strength and weakness, faith and unbelief, knowledge and great ignorance.

V.33 JESUS REBUKES PETER

- * Peter was a rock then a stumbling block
- * You do not have the mind of God but men.

5. KEY POINT: Knowing about Jesus is one thing. Acknowledging who he is and basing your life on those attributes is something completely different.

Mark 8:27-33 (NIV)

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "**Who** do people say I am?"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "**Who** do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must **suffer** many things and be **rejected** by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be **killed** and after three days **rise again**.

32 He **spoke plainly** about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 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 things of God, but the things of men.**"

Mushroom or Maple Tree?