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### Who Do You Say That I Am?

Or, (Mis) Understanding Jesus Part 2

Mark 8:27-9:1

Series: Getting In on the Good News

The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

### Central Passage

**Mark 8:27–38 (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 Messiah.” 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, the chief priests and the 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 concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” 34 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. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 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.”

**Central Thought:** We get in on the Good News when we recognize Jesus for who he is – not who we would like him to be – placing our faith in his power and promises and our lives under his cross-shaped love and leadership.

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### Who Do You Say That I Am?

- ❖ This is the most important question we will ever answer.

**Philippians 2:5–11 (NIV)** — 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Get Behind Me, Satan!

- ❖ We align ourselves with satanic intentions when we confine Jesus to our own expectations and commandeer him for our own purposes.

**Luke 4:3 (NIV)** — 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” (see also Luke 4:1-13)

### Take Up Your Cross...

- ❖ The way of Jesus is the way of the cross – the way of co-suffering love – as the only means of personal salvation and universal restoration.

**Matthew 5:9–12 (NIV)** — 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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