

## The Gospel of Mark

### Lesson 7

#### Who do People say that Jesus is?

In Mark 8:27, Jesus and His disciples were as far north in Israel as they could go, and as far away from Jerusalem as He ever got. At this late point in His ministry, Jesus began teaching that He must journey to Jerusalem to be falsely accused, arrested, crucified, and resurrected. Therefore, it was all the more important that Jesus' identity and purpose be understood by His disciples.

Read Mark 8:27 – 9:41

1. What question did Jesus ask Peter and the disciples in Mark 8:27? What was the answer? What was the more important question and answer in (Mark 8:29, Matt 16:16)?
2. In Matthew's account (16:17), how did Jesus say Simon Peter knew this great spiritual truth? Why do you think Jesus told them not to tell anyone yet, but in Acts 1:8 they were told to tell?
3. For the first time, what did Jesus "begin" to teach (Mark 8:31)? What was Peter's reaction? Based on Peter's statement in Matt 19:27, why did Peter object to the crucifixion?
4. What strong rebuke did Jesus give Peter in Mark 8:33? In this context, what lesson about selfishness did Jesus teach in verse 34? What lesson about materialism did He teach in v.35-37?
5. In this context of receiving and believing Jesus' words of Mark 8:31, what was Jesus' warning to those who sought to prevent God's will (8:38)?

6. If Jesus meant in Mark 9:1 that some of His disciples would see the glory and power at the transfiguration, which of them saw it in Mark 9:2?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What did Simon Peter testify about this event in his epistle in 2 Peter 1:16-18? What did Jesus look like in Mark 9:2-3 and Matthew 17:2?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What heavenly figures were talking with Jesus (Mark 9:4)? What does Luke's account add about the conversation (Luke 9:31)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Who spoke in Mark 9:7, identified Jesus, and verified Jesus' teaching? What statement did Jesus make afterward that baffled them in Mark 9:9-10?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. After witnessing the heavenly glory and hearing God's voice, they had to descend back to the fallen evil world. What conflict awaited them at the bottom of the mountain (Mark 9:14-19)? What did Jesus say was required to help the boy (9:23)? Can you relate to the father's reply in v.24, and what did he mean?