

SERMON NOTES:

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Mark 8:27-33 (NLT) Peter's Declaration about Jesus

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets."

²⁹ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. ³² As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Mark 4:31, "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

The Messiah is God's anointed King.

'Christ' is not Jesus' last name, it is His title.

Matthew 16:16-18 (NLT)

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

William Barclay, "Why did Jesus rebuke Peter so sternly? Because he was putting into words the very temptations which were assailing Jesus. Jesus did not want to die. He knew that he had powers which he could use for conquest. At this moment, he was refighting the battle of temptations in the wilderness. This was the devil tempting him again to fall down and worship him, to take his way instead of God's way...The tempter can make no more terrible attack than in the voice of those who love us and who think they seek only our good. That is what happened to Jesus that day; that is why he answered so sternly. Not even the pleading voice of love must silence for us the imperious voice of God."

There are two ways of looking at things – God's way and man's way, but only God's way will stand.

Where God defines who and how He is, man often seeks to change His definition.

We need to examine our own answers to the question, who is Jesus.

The great paradox of the Christian faith is that by serving we lead, and by sacrificing our lives we gain the Kingdom.

John 13:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.