

“Do you see Him?” – Mark 8:27-33

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” - *Mark 8:27-33 (ESV)*

Who do people say He is? – Mark 8:27-30

- John the Baptist (Moral Reformer and Forerunner)
 - “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” - *John 1:23*
 - I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” - *John 1:31*
 - John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - *Mark 1:4*
- Elijah (Expected Old Testament Prophet and Forerunner)
 - “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction. - *Malachi 4:5-6*
- One of the Prophets (Messenger of God)
- Christ (*Mark 8:29*)

Why MUST he suffer, be rejected, die, and rise again? – Mark 8:31

- Prophecy
 - And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” - *Luke 24:25*
- The Gospel of Salvation

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Life is in the Blood (Leviticus 17:11)

- whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. - *Romans 3:25*
- Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. - *Romans 5:9*
- In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, - *Ephesians 1:7*
- and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. - *Colossians 1:20*

Rebukes – Mark 8:32-33

- Matthew 4:1-11 – Temptation of Jesus

Do you see Him clearly?

And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? - *Mark 8:17-18*

And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. - *Mark 8:23*

Application and Questions

- Present a “plain” Gospel so others might see He him clearly.
- Examine your expectations of the Messiah, are they Biblical?