

The Journey

Series 05: Cross

Week 40: Jesus, the Son of God

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Review (Where We Have Been)

Review Questions from Last Week...

- Why did the Pharisees disapprove of Jesus' disciples?
Because they didn't follow all the man-made rules which the Pharisees claimed were necessary to please God
- Why were the Pharisees wrong that eating certain foods makes a person unacceptable to God?
Because it's the sin in hearts that makes us unacceptable to God, not what we eat
- Why did God accept the tax collector?
Because he agreed with God that he was a sinner and needed God's mercy.
- Why did God reject the Pharisee?
He was proud and thought that his goodness would make him acceptable to God
- Why are our good works unable to make us acceptable to God?
We are sinners and even our best could never measure up to God's holy standard

BIG Idea

God challenges us concerning the true identity of His Son, Jesus.

There are many opinions about who Jesus Christ is...

- Some say He ever existed
- Some say He was a religious fanatic
- Some say that He was simply a good man, teacher, or prophet from God

At some point, **you** must decide who Jesus is.

Information (What We Need to Know)

Jesus Makes Three Revelations about Himself...

- He is the Deliverer/Messiah
 - ✓ Jesus asks who the people are saying that He is
- Mark 8:27 (ESV)** 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."

Jesus had let the people know who He was...

- By telling them He was the Son of God
- By demonstrating by His miracles that He was God
- By forgiving sin, which only God can do

✓ **Jesus asks who the disciples think He is**

Mark 8:29 (ESV) And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” **30** And he [*Jesus*] strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Peter recognized Jesus would serve as God’s FINAL Prophet, Priest, and King.

- As God’s FINAL Prophet, Jesus spoke the truth, giving God’s message to the world.
- As God’s FINAL Priest, Jesus would offer the final sacrifice, which would take away man’s sin.
- As God’s FINAL King, Jesus was sent by God to be the final ruler of the whole world.

Matthew 16:16 (ESV) Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

What does calling a person the Christ, Son of God mean?

- *Christ* is a title used for the Deliverer/Messiah (Genesis 3:15)
- *Son of the living God* meant that He is the exact representation of God

Hebrews 1:3 (ESV) He is...the exact imprint of his nature...

▪ **He will be killed, and then resurrected**

Mark 8:31 (ESV) 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.

✓ Jesus knew that He had to suffer and die

“Jesus knew Satan would use the Jewish leaders to kill Him because they did not believe He was God’s Son, the Deliverer.” – Firm Foundations

✓ Jesus knew that He would rise from the dead

✓ Jesus knew that God’s Word concerning Him would be fulfilled

Isaiah 53:3 (ESV) He was despised and rejected by men...**5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **10** Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days...

■ He will return in future glory

Mark 9:2 (ESV) And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, **3** and his clothes became radiant, intensely white...

“The Transfiguration was the glorification of the human body of Jesus. His body underwent a change in form so that it shone as brightly as the sun. At the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus' earthly ministry was coming to a close. He had acknowledged that He was the Messiah and predicted His death and resurrection. Now He was to reveal, to a select few, His divine glory.” – Don Stewart

✓ Moses and Elijah appeared at the Transfiguration

Mark 9:4 (ESV) And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

- **Moses** represented the Old Testament law. Jesus came and fulfilled the commandments of the law and did the things the law could not do. The law pointed out the problem; Jesus gave the solution.
- **Elijah** was a great prophet and his appearance with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration testified that Jesus fulfilled the prophets, as well as the law.

✓ The significance of the Transfiguration...

- Days earlier, Jesus had spoken concerning His suffering and death (exodus)
Mark 8:31 (ESV) 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.
- Jesus confirmed His identity as the Christ, Son of the Living God
Mark 8:27 (ESV) 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.”
- Jesus provided a glimpse of resurrection through His glorified body

Application (What We Need to Do)

The Transfiguration wasn't just for Jesus' sake (to show Himself in His full glory), but for the sake of Peter, James, and John, the leaders of the Apostles.

Jesus is preparing them for His betrayal and crucifixion.

He is showing them a glimpse of the Resurrection to strengthen their faith through upcoming trials.