

Lesson 4: Confession About Jesus
Scripture Reference: Mark 8:27-38

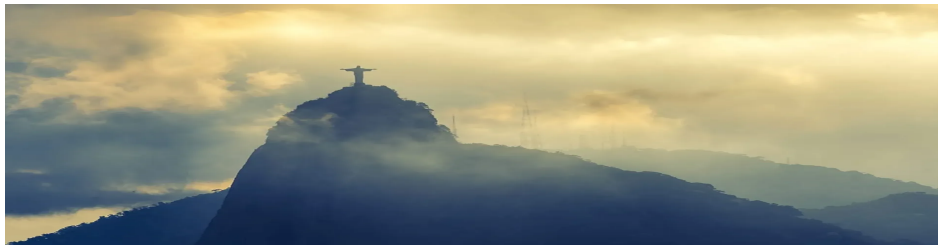
OBJECTIVE: To confess Jesus Christ as Lord among people, and not be afraid.

Introduction: What Do People Believe About Jesus?

You all interact with people daily. What do people in your family say about Jesus? What do people on your job say about Jesus? What do your neighbors say about Jesus?

Is there a disconnect between Jesus and worship attendance? If so why?

What is the world's view of Christ?



Lesson Focus

I. Identify with Christ

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To be a true follower of Jesus Christ, you must identify yourself with Him. Most people say they identify with Christ and or call themselves Christians.

- A. Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do people say that I am? vs. 27
QUESTION: Where does Jesus rank among other gods, deities?
Jesus was asking as they walked in Caesarea Philippi, placed known for monuments, statues, and gods.

- B. The Disciples response vs. 28
- a. John the Baptist- Jesus talked about John to the people – Matthew 11:7-16
 - i. John performed no miracles – John 10:41
 - ii. John was compared to Elijah – Luke 1:17
 - b. Elijah – Elijah raised the Widows son – I Kings 17:17-24
 - c. One of the Prophets – Jeremiah – Matthew 16:14
 - i. Jeremiah called the people to repent – Jeremiah 25:5-6
 - ii. Jeremiah was imprisoned – Jeremiah 32:2-3

There are similarities to Jesus, but none of the three compared to Jesus. Let's remember Jesus does is not to be placed in a popularity contest.

QUESTION: If someone were to ask you, if Christianity is true, what would be your response?

II. Confess Christ

Scripture Reference: Mark 8:29-30

- A. Jesus continues His questions, "Who do You say that I am? vs. 29
 - a. He was a preacher and teacher – Mark 1:14-15
 - b. He was their leader – Mark 1:17
 - c. He was a healer – Mark 1:34
- B. Peter's response, "You are the Christ" vs. 29
 - a. Peter made a confession of faith in Christ – John 6:55-71
 - b. The High Priest wanted to know if Jesus was the Christ – Matthew 26:63

To confess Christ is to believe that He is the saviour and He died for sin.

Review of the Christian Faith?

- A. Man is depraved – Man fell and has a sin nature – Genesis 3:8
 1. Man is lost – Lost means to be separated from God and what God has to offer.
 2. Man was created to be in the image of God – Gen 1:27.
 3. God intended may would be in fellowship with Him
 4. Man is hostile towards God – Romans 8:6-8
 5. To be lost means man lacks the stability and joy of a saved relationship with God. Without God they have no hope for the future and no real peace for the present.

- B. Man is in need of Salvation – Ephesians 2:8-10
 - 1. Man is sinful – Romans 3:23
 - 2. The penalty of sin is death – Romans 6:2
 - 3. Man must Repentant
 - Luke 13:13 – To repent means to be sorrowful and regretful
 - 4. Man must confess Sin – I John 1:8-9
- C. Man must accept the atoning work of Christ on the Cross – 2 Cor. 5:19-21
- D. Man must believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – I Cor. 15:1-3