## JESUS IS GOD'S MESSIAH

Luke 9:18-27 Key Verse: 9:20, <sup>20</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

1. From Luke's perspective, what is significant about this moment in Jesus' ministry (18-20; 9:51)? What was Jesus doing (18a)? What might Jesus have prayed about personally and for his disciples (22; Eph 1:17)?

2. Compare and contrast Jesus' questions to his disciples (18b,20a). What do the answers of people and Peter reveal about their different views of Jesus (19,20b)?

3. Read verse 20. What does "God's Messiah" mean (Lk 1:32-33; 2:11; 24:44)? What is the significance of a personal confession that Jesus is God's Messiah (Ro 10:9-10)?

4. What strict warning did Jesus give to his disciples and why (21)? To whom does "the Son of Man" refer (22; Dan 7:13-14)? What did Jesus tell them about the work of God's Messiah? (Isa 53:4-6,10-11)?

5. What must those who want to be Jesus' disciples do (23)? What is the significance of "daily"? What principle and value system help us to follow Jesus (24-25)? What does it mean to you to follow Jesus in this way?

6. What warning did Jesus give (26a)? What does it mean to be "ashamed of Jesus and his words" and why might people be so? What is Jesus' glorious hope (26b-27)? How does this encourage us to follow Jesus without shame in the way of the cross?