

Who Do You Say I Am?

Mark 8:22-30

Key Verse: Key Verse 8:29

1. Read verses 22-26. What had Jesus and his disciples been discussing? To where did they come? Who did some people bring to Jesus? What was their request? Why was Jesus so careful about privacy in this event? (22,26)
2. How does healing the blind point to Jesus' Messiahship? (Isaiah 35:5,6) How did Jesus heal this blind man? Describe the stages of the blind man's healing. In what sense does this parallel the spiritually blind disciples' gradual healing?
3. Read verses 27-30. Where did Jesus and his disciples go? Where is this place? How does this suggest Jesus' focus on his disciples' training?
4. What was the first question Jesus asked his disciples? What was their answer? What does this tell us about ordinary people's general view of Jesus? Why would the crowd's view of Jesus be different from that of the disciples ("But")?
5. What was Jesus' second question? (29) How is this question different from the first question? How did Peter answer? What does "the Christ" mean? (Mt 16:16; Lk 9:20) In what respect is this answer different from that of the people?
6. What did this confession mean to Peter personally? (Jn 14:6; Mt 16:17-19; Ro 10:10) In what sense is this event a turning point in his life? In Jesus' disciple training ministry? Why did he warn them not to tell anyone? Can you make such a confession?