

THE CHRIST OF GOD

Luke 9:18-27

Key Verse: 9:20

"But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'The Christ of God.'"

Study Questions:

1. What did Jesus do when he came to a quiet place with his disciples? What might he have prayed about? (See Jn 17:1,17) What were the two questions Jesus asked his disciples after praying? What was their answer to the objective question? (See also Mk 10:46-48; Lk 8:28)
2. How did Peter answer the subjective question? What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ of God? (Jn 1:14) (Think about this in light of man's deepest need [to solve his sin problem], and God's covenant promises. See Ge 6:6; 12:3; 2Sa 7:12.)
3. Read verse 22. What does this verse tell us about the work of the Son of Man (the Christ) and the specific mission of Jesus? (See Isa 53:4-7) How did Jesus become the Christ of God for us? (Rev 5:12)
4. Read verse 23. What are the two requirements for discipleship? What does it mean to deny oneself? (See Jn 15:10; Gal 5:24) What does it mean to take up one's cross daily?
5. Read verses 24-25. How do these verses teach us not to live selfish lives? How do they plant hope in the kingdom of God? Read verses 26-27. What is Jesus' promise? Who may claim it? What is the spiritual secret given to Jesus' people? (27)