

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Question Of Questions"
Luke 9:18-27
Study-37

He asks 2 questions **(1) "Who do the people say that I am?"** Then **(2) "But who do you say that I am?"**

This question is the "Question Of Questions" ***Who Is Jesus Christ?***

Our Passage Is Recorded **3X Mathew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27-9:1; Luke 9:18-27**

Luke 9:1-50 Conclusion Of Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Thought Of Our Passage: "Knowing Who Jesus Is Involves Knowing His Mission And What He Expects Of Those Who Follow Him"

- 1. Verses 18-20 The Identity Of Jesus**
- 2. Verses 21-22 The Mission Of Jesus**
- 3. Verses 23-27 The Demands Of Jesus**

1. Verses 18-20 The Identity Of Jesus

Luke 9:18 And Context – Jesus took the disciples away (After their mission) to Bethsaida which is at the North top portion of the Sea of Galilee. There Jesus fed 5000

it happened that while He was praying alone, Luke records this questioning of His disciples after a lap of time, **Mark 6:45-8:26;** "7 Events are omitted" Luke is the longest Gospel, longest book of the NT. ("Jesus Christ, The Son of Man")

Jesus attempted to get alone with His disciples **Luke 9:10** Jesus in his gospel as **"The Man of Prayer"** Luke records over **10X** Jesus in prayer.

Luke 3:21; Luke 4:42; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12

while He was praying alone, - what is the location of this event?
Mark 8:27

Caesarea Philippi; The tip of Israel bordering Lebanon. Today called *Banias* which is a form of *Panias*. There on the hillside is a cavern that was said to be the birthplace of the Greek god Pan "*All*"

the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, - After Jesus' time of prayer that the Father directed Him to test and prepare His disciples for His mission.

saying, "Who do the people say that I am?" - We need to note that they had been with Jesus now for about two years.

Luke 9:19 They answered and said, "John the Baptist, - Why John?

1. *Jesus was like John, out in the wilderness preaching.*
2. *Jesus was like John, baptizing - so were Jesus' disciples.*
3. *Jesus was not like John, He came with a message of Judgment.*
4. *Jesus was not like John, who performed no miracles, Jesus' countless miracles.*

and others say Elijah; - Why Elijah?

1. *Elijah was a man of prayer - Jesus was asked by His disciples*
2. *how to pray.*
3. *Elijah was a man of miracles, stop the rain, fire from heaven -*

but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

Matthew 16:14

Jeremiah - was known as the *weeping prophet*.

Luke 9:20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

There has never been a more important question than this.

This answer will determine our eternal destiny and very character.

"But who do you say that I am?" In the Greek it is emphatic *"But you (plural) who do you say me to be?"* **"Opinions Verses Convictions"**

And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." In Matthew's gospel we see a fuller answer to this question. **Matthew 16:16-17**

Jesus - Is the Greek form of the Hebrew name for *"Joshua" - "Jehovah Savior," or "Jehovah Saves."* This tells us that Jehovah in the Old Testament is Jesus. He is God.

Matthew 1:21

"The Christ of God." The term **Christ** - (The title of Jesus) *"Anointed one," "Messiah."* So, His name is *"Jehovah Savior the Messiah," "God with us, the Messiah."*

2. Verses 21-22 The Mission Of Jesus

Luke 9:21 But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone,

Why would Jesus command the disciples to tell no one?

Because the disciples did not have the complete message (Death, Burial, and Resurrection).

Luke 9:22 saying, "The Son of Man (65X) That speaks of the *humanity of the Son of God. (Isaiah 53 Suffering Servant)*

1st Passion Prediction: (of 3 – 9:44; 18:31) "The Son of Man must The necessity, (The only way) **suffer many things**

and be rejected by the elders

word **rejected** – "*after careful legal scrutiny candidate found unqualified*"

and chief priests

one High Priest but the priestly family.

And scribes,

The Pharisees that taught the Law, experts of the Law. **Isaiah 53:3**

and be killed

Speaks of a violent death. It could be said, "*be slaughtered*"

and be raised up on the third day." I don't think the disciples heard these words.

This is the gospel: **Death, burial and resurrection.**

Mark 8:32 Peter took Him aside literally "*Take aside by force!*" **and began to rebuke Him.** Peter rebuke God! **Mark 8:33**

3. Verses 23-27 The Demands Of Jesus

Luke 9:23

Persons Desiring To Be His Disciple: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, Anyone who "*wills or wishes*" (*No pressure, no scare tactics*) to come after Jesus. (In Response to who Jesus is!) **Matthew 5:6**

When we confess Christ, we embrace His dying on the cross for us. But we also accept the reality of a cross for ourselves!

Jesus Gives 4 Conditions For Discipleship!

- 1. Must Be Self-Denying: he must deny himself, (Greek Aorist tense Speaks of a definite decision.)**

deny himself - Literally "*say no to self, forget that one exists*"

This is to surrender our will and life to do His will. **Deuteronomy 15:12-17** Voluntary slavery!

and take up his cross daily, (Not part time) (Aorist tense Speaks of a definite decision.) The cross was a **symbol of rejection and death (died to the world, separated from its values and lifestyle).**

- 1. let him deny himself,** say no to self, put off the old nature.
 - 2. and take up his cross daily,** yes to Jesus. It is put on the Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 15:31**

The Cross – *is embracing His life, it is the reproaches that come from following Him. Living holy, being honest in business.* It is voluntary acceptance of something we can reject.

and follow Me. (Greek Present tense, speaks of continually following in) obedience.

Luke 9:24

- 2. Give Your Life In Order To Save Your Life: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,** Those who live for self, don't deny self, don't pick up cross, don't follow Jesus. **(Attempts to get the best out of this life for himself)**

but whoever loses his life for My sake,
Those that give their lives to live for Jesus and concentrate on Him.

he is the one who will save it. "Losers Are Keepers!"

- 3. Brevity Of The World Versus The Eternity Of The Soul: Luke 9:25**
"Keepers Are Losers!"
- 4. Ashamed Or Not Ashamed To Follow Jesus: Luke 9:26 "ashamed of Me and My words,**

1. We are to expect to be rejected by this world. Jesus was on a mission to suffer; we need to be prepared for the same mission. **Romans 1:16**

2. Our attitude towards Him will determine His attitude towards us. Notice the assurance of Jesus coming back, to set up His kingdom. Second coming.

Luke 9:27 Jesus just spoke of His second coming now He is going to give them a glimpse of His glory.

Application

1. Knowing Jesus The Savior Means Knowing Him Who Died, Who Was Buried And Resurrected For Our Sins.
2. The Christian's Sufferings Are Tied To Christ's Sufferings. Jesus Christ Endured The Cross Before He Bore The Crown, So Must His Disciples.
3. The Devil Offers A Life With Glory That Will Lead To Suffering. Jesus Offers A Life With Suffering That Will Lead To Glory.