

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe how you came to faith in Jesus Christ as the “Son of the Living God.”

2. Where do people in our culture get some of their ideas about the identity of Jesus Christ?

3. Read the following passages and note what Jesus says about Himself in the Scripture:
 - a) Matthew 11:29
 - b) Matthew 27:43
 - c) Matthew 28:20
 - d) Luke 22:27
 - e) John 6:35
 - f) John 8:12
 - g) John 10:14

4. Why did Jesus ask the disciples what the crowds thought about Him before He asked the disciple their view?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to commit to read the Gospel of John, one chapter a day, for the next 21 days and write down what John says about the identity of Jesus.
 - I am going to ask a friend about their view of Jesus as an opportunity to share my faith with them.
 - I am going to memorize John 8:12.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 9:18-22

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The Most Important Question You Will Ever Answer

I. Introduction

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B. The Questions

(See Matthew 6:27; Matthew 16:26; Luke 8:25; John 8:46;
Luke 9:18; Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27; Luke 9:20;
Matthew 16:15; Mark 8:29)

C. The Setting for the Questions

(See Luke 9:18; Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27; Luke 9:51;
Luke 13:22; Luke 17:11; Luke 18:31; Luke 19:11;
Matthew 2:16)

II. Peter’s Confession of Faith

A. The First Question of Jesus

(See Luke 9:18; Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27; Luke 9:7-8)

B. The Response by the Disciples

(See Luke 9:19; Matthew 16:14; Mark 8:28; Matthew 14:1-2; Luke 9:7; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 17:10; Luke 13:34-35; Luke 19:41; Deuteronomy 18:18; John 12:34-40)

C. The Most Important Question of Jesus

(See Luke 9:20; Matthew 16:15; Mark 8:29)

D. The Response by Peter

(See Luke 9:20; Matthew 16:16; Mark 8:29; Psalm 2:2; Isaiah 11:1-16; Daniel 9:25-26; Acts 10:38; Hebrews 1:9)

E. The Warning of Jesus

(See Luke 9:21-22; Matthew 16:17-20; Mark 8:30; Luke 9:43-45; Luke 18:31-34; Luke 9:22; Luke 17:25; Luke 24:7; Acts 2:23)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study

Luke 9:18-22

¹⁸ And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, “Who do the people say that I am?” ¹⁹ They answered and said, “John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again.” ²⁰ And He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.” ²¹ But He warned them and instructed *them* not to tell this to anyone, ²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised up on the third day.”

Parallel Passages of Study

Matthew 16:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

Mark 8:27-30

²⁷ Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And He *continued* by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

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