

Who Is Jesus?

Jesus in Action – Part 5

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John 8:58 (ESV) Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Mark 14:61b-62 (ESV) Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

John 3:16 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1. Recognize Jesus is the _____

Mark 8:27b-28 (ESV) And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

Mark 8:29 (ESV) And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”

Mark 8:31 (ESV) And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:32-33 (ESV) And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

2. Choose to follow Jesus as _____

Mark 8:34-35 (ESV) And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.

Mark 8:36-37 (ESV) For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?

Mark 8:38 (ESV) For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

3. Embrace Jesus as the _____

Mark 9:2-3 (ESV) And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

Mark 9:4 (ESV) And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

Mark 9:7 (ESV) And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”

Mark 9:9 (ESV) And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:12 (ESV) And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Mark 8-9).

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What answer do you think the majority of Americans would give to the question “Who is Jesus”?

Intro. How would you explain to someone that it is not possible for Jesus to be a great teacher, but not God?

Intro. How is Jesus claiming to be God in John 8:58?

Intro. Why did the high priest at Jesus’ trial sentence Jesus to death for blasphemy because of what Jesus said in Mark 14:61-62?

Intro. Why did Jesus have to be God in order to forgive sins and give eternal life (John 3:16)?

1A. Why is what someone believes about Jesus so important (Mark 8:27-28)?

1B. Why would Jesus not want His disciples to share the answer that Peter had just given (Mark 8:29)?

1C. Why do you think Peter rebuked Jesus (Mark 8:31-33)?

1D. How would you respond to someone who claims Jesus was merely a great teacher?

2A. How does the message of Christ’s suffering and death relate to the way He calls us to live (Mark 8:34-35)?

2B. What will happen if we deny the reality of sacrifice and try to live out our lives on our own terms (Mark 8:36-38)?

2C. What are some ways that we are tempted to be ashamed of Jesus in our time? How can we overcome those temptations?

3A. Why was Jesus so completely transformed before His disciples (Mark 9:2-4)?

3B. What is the value of the Transfiguration for us today (Mark 9:7)?

3C. Why did Jesus keep emphasizing to His disciples that He would have to suffer and die before rising from the dead (Mark 9:9, 12)?

3D. Why is it important for us to emphasize the resurrection of Jesus in our lives and in our witness?