

LESSON 29

MARK 8:27-33

REVIEW:

The story of Jesus and the blind man in the last lesson teaches His disciples and us a lesson. It is a lesson about seeing things the way Jesus sees them. Often we do not see very clearly. There is so much more that God wants us to see in His Word. If we really want Him to, we can ask Jesus to take us by the hand. He will lead us to the place where He can make us see better just like He did to the blind man. (Mark 8:22-26)

STUDY MARK 8:27-30

JESUS, THE CHRIST



When Jesus left Bethsaida, He went on a long journey to a place called . (verse 27) This area was about 28 miles north into

Gentile country.

Jesus and His disciples walked all those miles together. Big crowds of people did not follow them here. It was a wonderful chance for Jesus to teach the disciples. The disciples would be alone with Jesus.

It is good to get away and be a lone with Jesus, and let Him be our teacher.

- 1. What question did Jesus ask the disciples in verse 27?
- They answered: "Some say or others say and others say ."
 (Matthew 16:14)
 Some of these others were great preachers. Some told what God said was going

to happen. Others did great miracles. Jesus did **all these things**, but did the people see who Jesus really was?



Jesus did not want to know just what the people thought about Him. He wanted to know what His disciples thought about Him. What question did Jesus ask them in verse 29?

4. How did Peter answer that question?

At last they saw clearly that Jesus was not some old prophet, or dead preacher or worker of miracles come back to them. He was the living Christ, the Son of God, whom God had sent to walk among them. Now their blind eyes saw, and their deaf ears heard. JESUS was really the One they and the children of Israel had been waiting for all these many years. He was the One God had promised Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and David to send to save His people.

5. In these last days many people are pointing to some great leader. Men claim to be the "prophet of the last days." These men often point to themselves as some great teacher.

John the Baptist did not point to himself as some great one. He pointed away from himself to Jesus. Elijah did many great miracles, but he always gave all the glory to God. This was true of all true prophets of God.

Matthew 24:24 says,

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Who did God say would speak to us in these last days? (Hebrews 1:2)

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and faithfully study God's Word. Then we will not be easily fooled by those who are false.

6. What did Jesus ask His disciples in John 6:67?

- 7. How did Peter answer Jesus? (John 6:68)
- 8. What did they say in John 6:69? "... Lord,
- 9. When the disciples finally had their eyes opened to see who Jesus really was, He could tell them things He could not tell them before. How He could tell them what was going to happen to Him. What did He tell them in verse 30?

STUDY MARK 8:31-33

CHRIST AND SUFFERING

1. What 4 things did Jesus tell the disciples would happen to Him? (verse 31)



1) He must

He must be rejected (thrown aside) by the and the , and

- 3) He must be
- 4) After

days, He would



many things.

Jesus told them these things plainly but they loved Him and

they did not want to see these terrible things happen to Him. They did not know that Jesus came to be the Lamb of God to take away their sins, and the sins of the whole world. (John 1:36)

- 2. How did Peter answer Jesus in Mark 8:32?
- 3. What did Peter say in Matthew 16:22?
- 4. Did Peter understand why Jesus must suffer and be killed?
- 5. What did Jesus call Peter in verse 33?
- Why did Jesus call him that?
 In easier words, this is what Jesus said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You



are not thinking the way God thinks, but the way people think." Jesus had to speak sharply to Peter because he was saying words from Satan, and not words from God. Satan tried to tempt Jesus through Peter. But Jesus said, as He had said before in the wilderness, "Get thee behind me, Satan." (verse 33)

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