

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) 8:27, 29 It was not that Jesus was unaware of nor was He concerned about popular opinion; He wanted the disciples (and us) to think about this all-important question...Who is Jesus to you?
- 2) Despite the public display of Jesus' powers, He was less respected than when He first began His ministry.
- 3) 8:28 People saw in Jesus the character of John, the fire and intensity of Elijah, and the passion of the prophets. But the answers all said one thing...He was just a man.
- 4) 8:29 Human capabilities cannot begin to understand the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:14). God the Father must reveal them and bring understanding.
- 5) 8:31 Imagine the incredible distress at hearing the first three "musts" if you do not know the rest of the story. Yet it is the truth of the fourth "must" that makes all the others purposeful.
- 6) 8:32 It is one thing to declare that Jesus is God; it is another thing to surrender to His plans.
- 7) 8:33 The severity of the rebuke was because Peter was trying to deter Jesus from going to the cross.
- 8) 8:33 When we follow our own wisdom and emotions instead of the leading of the Holy Spirit, the same one who has taken the side of God can find himself unwittingly taking the side of Satan.
- 9) 8:34 Jesus clarified that three conditions must be true in order to make Him Lord:
  - We must surrender ourselves to Him unconditionally.
  - We must identify with Him, even if that means suffering and death.
  - We must follow Him obediently, wherever He leads us.

10) 8:35 Jesus was not telling His disciples how to be saved, but how to make the most of their opportunities on earth.

11) 8:36-37 "To gain every possession in this world and yet be without Christ is to be bankrupt forever." ~John MacArthur

12) 8:38 The call to salvation is a call to an unconditional surrender.

**GREEK WORDS**

Skandalon—stumbling block; originally used of an animal trap, in particular the part where the bait was placed; eventually came to be used of luring a person into destruction.

Aparneomai—deny; completely disown, to utterly separate oneself from someone

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