

## WHO IS JESUS?

### Mark 8:27-38

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1. 8:27 It was not that Jesus was unaware of what people thought, nor was He concerned about opinion. He wanted the disciples (and us) to think about the bigger question...Who is Jesus to you?
2. 8:28 People see in Jesus the character of John, the fire and intensity of Elijah, the passion of the Prophets. But all the speculative answers say one thing: He is a man.
3. 8:29 This is the question everyone must face.
4. 8:29 Faith is my response to what God has revealed.
5. 8:29 No one can overcome our human thinking unless enabled by God (Matthew 16:17).
6. 8:31 This was not mere human commitment to an ideal; it was an absolute, imperative necessity.
7. 8:32 It is easy to accept God's activities when things are going well, but not so easy when we find things going other than the way we want. It is a Lordship issue!
8. 8:33 The severity of the rebuke was because the intent was to keep Jesus from going to the cross.
9. 8:33 When believers insist on our own ways above God's ways, we become a distraction to God's purposes and are actually interfering with God's actions.
10. 8:33 Just as God gave Peter clarity on Jesus, Satan immediately followed with a counter attack. Does this look like spiritual warfare?
11. 8:34 To deny self is to renounce ourselves as the dominant element in life. It is placing God's will before self-will...no matter what.

