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.

- **12.** 8:34 A man who took up his cross began a death march, carrying the very beam on which he would hang. A follower of Jesus taking up his cross is willing to start on a death march.
- **13.** 8:34 In order to make Jesus our Lord, three issues must be true:
 - We must surrender to Him.
 - We must identify with Him.
 - We must follow His lead.
- **14.** 8:35 Remember: He was not telling them 'how' to be saved, but how to make the most of their saved lives.
- **15.** 8:36-37 You can "gain the whole world" and yet have nothing to show for your life when you stand before God.

QUOTES

"I know men, and Jesus was no mere man. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself have founded great empires; but upon what did these creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions will die for Him. ...I tell you, all these were men: Jesus Christ was more than a man..." ~Napoleon Bonaparte, 1815

"This 'must' came thundering out of eternity... the essential, unalterable plan of God..." ~Dr. John MacArthur

GREEK WORDS

Dei (die)—it is necessary (as binding) :- behooved, must (needs), need (-ful) **Epitimaō** (ep-ee-tee-mah'-o)—to tax upon, censure or admonish; forbid :- (straitly) charge

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