

**Sermon Study Notes 8 Nov '15**  
**Mk 8:27-38 "Who do you say I am?"**

Mark's theme is to demonstrate who Jesus really is.  
Today, Jesus asks that very question!  
He confronts his disciples with the question "Who do you say I am?"

**The Christ**

**Vs 29** *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"*  
*Peter answered, "You are the Christ."*

Jesus had revealed his power and deity to them on several occasions, but their response has been a bewildered, "Who is this?"

**Reflection:** Who do I say Jesus is?

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**Cross & Resurrection**

**Vs 31** *"... the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected ... and that he must be killed and after three days rise again."*

This, too much for Peter. It is not his idea of the career path for the Messiah! He strongly rejected it. Suffering is often necessary to accomplish God's work.

**Reflection:** What do I think was going through Peter's mind? What about Satan's influence on him?

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**3. Taking up the cross**

**Vs 34** *"Those who would come after me must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

**Reflection:** What does it mean for me to take up the cross of Jesus?

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