

SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS IDENTITY AND MISSION

Mark 8:27-33



BIG IDEA: Seeing Jesus clearly means confessing him as the Christ who must suffer for our salvation.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

What common misconceptions do people today have about Jesus' identity or mission?

Read Mark 8:27-33. What contrasts do you see between Peter's confession and Jesus' correction?

Why is the setting at Caesarea Philippi significant for this conversation about Jesus' identity?

Jesus calls himself the "Son of Man" right after Peter calls him "the Christ." How does this shift in titles help clarify what kind of Messiah he is?

What do the four verbs in verse 31 (suffer, be rejected, be killed, rise again) reveal about the completeness of Jesus' redemptive work?

APPLY

Where are you tempted to view Jesus through the lens of human expectations—seeking comfort, control, or success—rather than through the lens of God's redemptive plan?

How might your reactions to life's challenges reveal that you're prioritizing what seems practical or comfortable instead of what is faithful and eternal?

Do you need to say, "Get behind me, Satan!" because you know you're about to put your own plans and priorities ahead of God's?

COMMIT

Write down one area of life where you've been trying to control outcomes rather than submit to God's will. Pray, "Lord, your way is best—help me follow in the path of the cross."

Further Study: Read Matthew 16:13-23. What additional details are included about Peter's confession and Jesus' response?