



## **Mark 8:27-33**

### Confessing Jesus as Christ

- I. **Introduction:** Jesus led the disciples to Caesarea Philippi, where He asked them about His true identity, and Peter confessed that Jesus is God's Son and Messiah.
  
- II. Confessing Jesus as Christ (**Mark 8:27-33**).
  - A. Jesus' Probing Question (**vv. 27-28**).
    1. Jesus traveled to Caesarea Philippi with His disciples, where He questioned them about His identity to see if they correctly understood who He really is.
  
  - B. Peter's Great Confession (**vv. 29-30**).
    1. Peter boldly proclaimed that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and was commended by the Lord for his spiritual discernment.
  
  - C. Jesus' Severe Admonition (**vv. 31-33**).
    1. When Jesus revealed that He would suffer and die, Peter took Him aside and rebuked Him, but the Lord reprimanded Peter for his devilish response.
  
- III. **Conclusion:** Jesus explained to the disciples that He would eventually be killed and that anyone who stood in His way of going to the cross was His enemy.



## Questions About: Confessing Jesus as Christ

1. What is the greatest confession the disciples ever made? Why is this passage the climax of Mark's gospel? Why does our confession matter? (**Rom 10:9-10; 1 John 2:22-24; 4:1-3**)
2. Where did Jesus lead the disciples after He healed the blind man? (**Mark 8:27-33**) For what was Caesarea Philippi known? What question did Jesus ask the disciples? (**v. 27**)
3. What did the people say about Jesus? (**Mark 8:27-28**) Why did they believe Jesus was John the Baptist? (**Mark 6:15-16**) Why Elijah? (**Mal 4:5**) Why Jeremiah? (**Matt 16:14**)
4. Why did Jesus ask them who they thought He was? (**Mark 8:29-20**) What did Peter say to Jesus? (**v. 29**) What does "Christ" mean? (**v. 29**) Why was this a monumental confession?
5. What commendation did Jesus give to Peter? (**Matt 16:17-20**) Who did Jesus say revealed this truth to Peter? (**Matt 16:17**) Why did Jesus warn them not to tell anyone? (**Mark 8:30**)
6. What did Jesus begin to tell them would happen to the Messiah? (**Mark 8:31-33**) Why did Jesus say that these things must happen? (**v. 31**) What did Jews believe about the Messiah?
7. What was Peter's reaction to Jesus' teaching? (**Mark 8:31-33**) Why did he react so strongly to Jesus' words? (**v. 32**) How did Jesus respond to Peter's rebuke? (**Mark 8:31-33**)
8. Why did Jesus refer to Peter as Satan? (**Mark 8:31-33**) How did Peter place man's interests before God's? (**v. 33**) Have you confessed Jesus as your Lord?

### **Prayers:**

1. Ask God to help you to understand more clearly who Jesus is and what He came to do.
2. Pray that Jesus might help you to follow Him in joyful obedience.