

WHO IS THIS MAN?

THE BURNING QUESTION

Mark 8:27-33 Jeff Schreve

But who do you say that I am? Mark 8:29

How do YOU answer the burning question?

1. Lots of people get the answer wrong.

And Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets."

Mark 8:27-28

A. Many say Jesus is merely a special man.

"John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why we see these miraculous powers at work in Him." Mark 6:14

B. Many say Jesus is merely an important man.

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6

C. Many say Jesus is merely a good man.

*Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.
Mark 10:18*

2. A few people get the answer right.

And He continued by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." Mark 8:29

A. The overwhelming evidence proves who He is.

You are certainly God's Son. Matthew 14:33

B. The overwhelming evidence must come with revelation.

And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 16:17

3. It is critical to understand the implications.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." Mark 8:31-33

A. The Christ must die and rise again.

And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

Luke 24:25-26

And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." Matthew 16:22

B. His followers must yield to the Lord and His interests.

Have you really yielded your life to the Son of the living God?