

The Ultimate Confession

January 30, 2022
Mark 8:27-30

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Intro

- Turning point of Mark's Gospel
- Mark opened: Jesus Christ the Son of God^{Mk1:1}
- Mark has shown us Jesus' identity:
 - Jesus came to call sinners^{Mk2:17}
 - Jesus is the the bridegroom sent by God so celebrate^{Mk2:19}
 - Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath^{Mk2:28}
 - Jesus is casting out Satan and binding him^{Mk3:27}
 - Jesus speaks in parables to believers^{Mk4:11}
 - Jesus has authority over wind and waves (nature)^{Mk4:41}
 - Jesus has authority over demons^{Mk5:13}
 - Jesus has power over death (Jairus' daughter)^{Mk5:42}
 - Jesus can provide for His own multiplying food^{Mk6:42}
 - Jesus can walk on water^{Mk6:49}
 - Jesus heals the sick and possessed of this world^{Mk6:56}
 - Jesus cures inability to hear^{Mk7:35} and does all things well
 - Jesus feeds/provides for thousands of mixed race people^{Mk8:8}

A Very Important Question

- Who do people say that I am? What is Jesus' identity?

What Others Say

- John the Baptist reincarnated
- Elijah or Jeremiah^{Mt16:14} – a prophet
- Jesus spoke with authority - people saw that!
- But they all missed Jesus as God's Messiah!

Who Do You Say That I Am?

- Peter sums it all up: "You are the Christ"
- Radical words from an orthodox Jew^{Dt6:4}
- Confession that Jesus was God, His Nature!
- Jesus is the Christ sent by God to redeem His people!

A Strange Conclusion

- But Jesus charges them to be quiet!
- Why? Parable of blind healing^{Mk8:22-26} shows us
- Peter & disciples did not yet fully see spiritually – men as trees... Jesus needed to teach them more!

What About You?

- Do you confess Jesus is the Christ by your life?
Everyday?

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