

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

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Introduction

In this sermon we listen and respond to the question of the resurrected Lord: Who do you say that I am?

The Text: Luke 9:18-20

¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

- 1) Who do the crowds today say Jesus is?
- 2) Who does the Bible say Jesus is?
- 3) Who do you say Jesus is?

Response

So, what is your answer to the resurrected Lord's question? Who do you say Jesus is?

50 descriptions of Jesus

1. Almighty One (Rev 1:8); 2. Alpha and Omega (Rev 22:13); 3. Advocate (1 Jn 2:1); 4. Author and Perfecter of Our Faith (Heb 12:2); 5. Authority (Matt 28:18); 6. Bread of Life (Jn 6:35); 7. Beloved Son of God (Matt 3:17); 8. Bridegroom (Matt 9:15); 9. Cornerstone (Ps 118:22); 10. Deliverer (1 Thess 1:10); 11. Faithful and True (Rev 19:11); 12. Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11); 13. Great High Priest (Heb 4:14); 14. Head of the Church (Eph 1:22); 15. Holy Servant (Acts 4:29-30); 16. I Am (Jn 8:58); 17. Immanuel (Is 7:14); 18. Indescribable Gift (2 Cor 9:15); 19. Judge (Acts 10:42); 20. King of Kings (Rev 17:14); 21. Lamb of God (Jn 1:29); 22. Light of the World (Jn 8:12); 23. Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5); 24. Lord of All (Phil 2:9-11); 25. Mediator (1 Tim 2:5); 26. Messiah (Jn 1:41); 27. Mighty One (Is 60:16); 28. One Who Sets Free (Jn 8:36); 29. Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1); 30. Peace (Eph 2:14); 31. Prophet (Mk 6:4); 32. Redeemer (Job 19:25); 33. Risen Lord (1 Cor 15:3-4); 34. Rock (1 Cor 10:4); 35. Sacrifice for Our Sins (1 Jn 4:10); 36. Savior (Lk 2:11); 37. Son of Man (Lk 19:10); 38. Son of the Most High (Lk 1:32); 39. Supreme Creator Over All (Col 1:16-17); 40. Resurrection and the Life (Jn 11:25); 41. The Door (Jn 10:9); 42. The Way (Jn 14:6); 43. The Word (Jn 1:1); 44. True Vine (Jn 15:1); 45. Truth (Jn 8:32); 46. Victorious One (Rev 3:21); 47. Wonderful Counselor (Is 9:6); 48. Mighty God (Is 9:6); 49. Everlasting Father (Is 9:6); 50. Prince of Peace (Is 9:6)

Sunday Text Questions for Luke 9:18-20

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1)	Starter Question: How would you explain the significance of Easter as a Christian holi-day to a non-Christian?
2)	Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
3)	What significance can we draw from the beginning of v. 18, where it describes Jesus as "praying alone?"
4)	Why does Jesus ask the disciples the question: "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
5)	If Jesus asked you that question regarding today's crowds, what would your answer be?
6)	In what ways do today's crowds have an incomplete understanding of who Jesus is, and in what ways do they entirely misunderstand who Jesus is?
7)	Why does Jesus ask the same question to his own disciples as well (v. 20)?
8)	What does Peter mean when he calls Jesus "the Christ of God" (v. 20)?
9)	How has your understanding of who Jesus is developed as you have matured in your Christian faith?
10) How does the Christian holi-day of Easter annually serve to teach and remind us about Jesus?	

Further study this week: Passages on the resurrection of Jesus: Matthew 28 (Mon); Mark 16 (Tues); Luke 24 (Wed); John 20 (Thurs); 1 Corinthians 15 (Fri).