

CONFESSING CHRIST (Mark 8:27-33)
September 29, 2024

TEXT--Mark 8:27-33

Mk. 10:45

MAIN IDEA--Our confession of Christ reveals our eternal destination in relation to Christ. Therefore, we must confess Christ accurately from a heart of genuine faith in Him.

PETER'S CONFESSIOIN (Mark 8:27-30)--Jesus left Bethsaida and took his disciples 25 miles North to the town of Caesarea Philippi to further prepare them for His future departure. While in this town, Jesus would reveal an aspect of His glory (**namely who He is**) to His disciples which continues eternally.

Jn.3:36; Jn.14:6; Acts 4:12

Mk.6:14-16; Jn. 6:14-15

Mt.16:16-18

*Peter's confession is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah, the One Anointed of God) who came to save us from our sins. He is the Lord. If you can see the truth you didn't figure it out, God blessed you to see it!

MEMORY VERSES—Rom. 10:9-10

1 Cor.12:3

PETER'S CONFUSION (Mark 8:31-33)--Following this mountain top experience of understanding and confessing Jesus is the Christ, Peter (who represented the 12) hit rock bottom as he failed to understand the Lord's words. Jesus spoke plainly to them about the suffering that had to happen to fulfill God's sovereign plan, yet Peter could not understand how.

Is. 53:3-6, 10-12; Rev.13:8

Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)—*In spite of their devotion to Him, the disciples were still ignorant of the true relationship between the cross and the crown. They were following*

Satan's philosophy (glory without suffering) instead of God's philosophy (suffering transformed into glory). Which philosophy you accept will determine how you live and how you serve.

1 Pet. 1:6-9

Our sufferings in Christ are not in vain. God is growing us through them (**Rom.8:18**)!