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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

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Mark 8:27-29a (NIV)

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

John 5:16-18 (NIV)

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."

¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 8:54-59 (NIV)

⁵⁴ Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷ "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

⁵⁸ "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

John 10:30-33 (NIV)

³⁰ "I and the Father are one."

³¹ Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, ³² but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

³³ "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

John 20:26-29(NIV)

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Matthew 16:16 (NIV)

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

CS Lewis' Trilema from *Mere Christianity*:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him (Jesus):

I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.

He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.

You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Are you praying for things that only God can do?

Acts 12:15-16 (NIV)

15 "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." 16 But Peter kept knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished."

Is your faith growing?

Psalms 1:2-3 (NIV)

2 (He) whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither...

Is loving others your priority?

1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV)

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

Are you praying for things that only God can do?

Is your faith growing?

Is loving others your priority?

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Read John 5:16-18, 8:54-59, 10:30-33 and 20:26-29. What stands out as you look at passages that claim Jesus' divinity?
- 2) Read Mark 8:27-29 and Matt 16:13-16. What are the ways you would answer Jesus' question, 'Who do you say I am?'
- 3) In light of Jesus' divinity, Are you praying for things that only God can do? Why or why not? What things could you be praying for that would fit that description?
- 4) In light of Jesus' divinity, Is your faith growing? Why or why not? What things could you be doing that could help your faith grow?
- 5) In light of Jesus' divinity, Is loving others your priority? Why or why not? What things could you be doing that would make loving others your priority?

Three additional questions to unpack loving others... a) Do you prioritize understanding others or being understood? b) How easily are you offended? c) Do you have margin in your week to have your plans interrupted by people?



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