



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 9:18-22 (NAS)

Topic: "The Most Important Question"

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- 18 And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the people say that I am?"
- 19 They answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."
- 20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."
- 21 But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

I. QUESTIONS

- A. There Are Many Significant Questions In Life
- B. There Is One Which Is Most Important

II. WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

- A. Luke Has Focused On The Accurate Answer *Luke 2:11; 8:25*
- B. There Were Other Answers Being Given
- C. Peter Got It Right *Matthew 16:17*

III. RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION TODAY

- A. Subjective Answer: Depends On Your Own Particular Experience
- B. Objective Answer: What Peter And God's Word Says *John 14:6*

IV. THE TRUTH DIVIDES

- A. Men Prefer Their Own Answers
- B. Men Are Idol Worshippers

V. UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUTH MUST GROW

- A. Peter's Answer Was Accurate But Not With Full Understanding
Matthew 16:22-23
- B. His Understanding Grew *Acts 2:22-24*
- C. The Vehicle For Growth in Christ *John 14:21*

CONCLUSION:

1. How Do You Answer This Most Important Question?
2. Do You Believe Your Answer Will Be Divisive?
3. Is Your Knowledge Of The Christ Growing?