

Sermon Application Study

May 12, 2024

Target Passage → Luke 9:18-22

1. Why does it matter to Jesus who the crowds think he is? Can't they just receive his kind and helpful ministry and not be concerned with his identity? Explain.
2. Who are these different people with whom the crowds identify Jesus? Why would they expect these other men to reappear?
3. How is Peter's confession different than what the crowds are saying? Is Peter's confession more accurate? More important? Explain.
4. Why does Jesus tell the disciples not to tell others his identity?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Malachi 4, John 1:19-34

For Me →

Do you remember a moment in your life when your understanding of Jesus' identity changed in the way it did for Peter? Describe that moment.

For the Mission → How would you helpfully correct the following quotes if they were shared with you?

1. Jesus was a kind and loving man. It was only later after his death that his followers made him into a god.
2. Jesus is one of the great prophets sent by God to teach us how to live God's way. (This is the Muslim view.)
3. Jesus is a role model because he was very wise. There are lots of different views about who he was, but they don't really matter. It's his teaching that matters today.
4. Jesus is pretty self-centered. He claimed to be a god. If I did that, you'd think I was crazy.

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to identify himself to the people you know who need to see Jesus correctly.