

Rediscover Jesus, 28: “Jesus is the Christ”

Luke 9:18-27

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Keep our confession of Christ and commitment to Christ true to his cross and his sacrifice.

I. Our confession of Christ (vv.18-22)

Luke 9:18-20 (ESV)

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.”

- People misunderstand Jesus’ identity when left to their own knowledge and reasoning. So Jesus prays and guides us to make a personal confession of faith in him.

Luke 9:21-22 (ESV)

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

- We must not make Jesus fit into our own paradigms of what a Savior should do. Rather, giving up our expectations, we must learn to trust in who Jesus says he is.

II. Our commitment to Christ (vv.23-27)

Luke 9:23 (ESV)

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

- Jesus invites his disciples to a way of life that he himself was faithfully committed to.

Luke 9:24-27 (ESV)

²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

- Jesus provides three pressing reasons why every disciple should deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Jesus.

Life Application:

- 1) Who is Jesus to you? Seek to know Jesus personally and deeply in the Word as you put aside popular opinions and your own paradigms of a savior.
- 2) Will you follow Jesus? Say “no” to self-exalting desires and repent for not exalting Christ in specific areas of your life.