

THE STORY



JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

Mark 8-10 & John 7-11

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John 7:12

Throughout Jesus' life – just as today – there was widespread disagreement about his identity. Was he

- a _____,
- a _____,
- a _____,
- or the _____?

THE "I AM" (John 7-11)

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*"Before Abraham was born, **I am!**" (John 8:52-59)*

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Do you believe this?"

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Sermon on October 9, 2022

Chapter 25 – Jesus, the Son of God

Getting to Know Me –

1. How would your parents describe you as a child?
2. How would your friends describe you?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Mark 8:27-30 and Matthew 16:13-20 together. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to ask them who they thought he was? Why do you think Peter recognized Jesus as the Messiah?
4. Read Matthew 17:1-13. Jesus chose Peter, James and John to witness this incredible transfiguration. Why do you think he brought them with him? During the Transfiguration, God proclaimed Jesus as his Son. If you witnessed this, how would it impact your understanding of who Jesus is?
5. In John 7:12-13; 25-27 we see that there was widespread whispering about him. People were trying to figure out who he was. Why do you think such a stir occurred? Why were they whispering?

6. Let's each take one of the following "I AM" statements and discuss who Jesus says he is: How do these dimensions of Jesus' identity impact your understanding of Jesus for your life today?

- "I am the bread of Life" (John 6:25-29)
- "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12-20; 9:1-7)
- "Before Abraham was born, I am" (John 8:52-59)
- "I am the gate for the sheep" (John 10:1-10)
- "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11-18)
- "I am God's Son" (John 10:32-38; 14:10-11)
- "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:21-27)
- "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:5-6)
- "I am the true vine" (John 15:1-5)

Where Do I Go from Here?

"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" (C. S. Lewis).

1. Who do you say Jesus is? Who is Jesus to you?
2. How has your understanding of Jesus changed because of this study?

Prayer

Father God, we praise you and we want to glorify you in our lives. We confess that at times, we don't recognize the fullness of your glory or the power you have to forgive and redeem us. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son Jesus. We continue to pray that we grow in our knowledge and wisdom to share your gospel message. Help us to listen to Jesus. Amen.

"We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

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