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**Mark 8:27-33 — Do I Claim Jesus Without Submitting To The Plan Of Jesus?**

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1. Peter gets the person of Jesus right.

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” Mark 8:27 (ESV)

* 1. Jesus left Bethsaida.
  2. Jesus traveled to Caesarea Philippi.
  3. Who do people say that I am?

And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” Mark 8:28 (ESV)

John the Baptist —

Elijah —

One of the Prophets —

* 1. Who do you say that I am?

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” Mark 8:29 (ESV)

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 16:17 (ESV)

And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. Mark 8:30 (ESV)

1. Peter gets the plan of Jesus wrong.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly…   
Mark 8:31–32 (ESV)

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13–14 (ESV)

…And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. Mark 8:32 (ESV)

But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” Mark 8:33 (ESV)

1. How can we be like Peter? We recognize Jesus as the Christ, but we are not willing to submit to the plan of Jesus.
   1. We think suffering is not a normal part of the Christian life.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12 (ESV)

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,… 2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

* 1. We think forgiveness is optional, not a requirement.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.   
Matthew 6:14–15 (ESV)

* 1. We think God is pleased with giving him a bit of what we have left, instead of the first-fruits of all we receive.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.   
Luke 12:34 (ESV)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9–10 (ESV)

* 1. We think sex outside of marriage is innocent fun, not sinful and destructive.

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.   
1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

* 1. We think a successful child is more important than a godly child.

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36 (ESV)

Life Group Questions

1. Read Mark 8:27-33 to familiarize yourself with the passage.
2. This weekend, Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Read the following verses and jot down how they expand your understand of Jesus and who he is. After reading the verses, who do you say Jesus is? Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:21-23, John 6:35-40, John 11:25-26, John 10:7-18, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-8.
3. Review some of the way we act like Peter, where we claim, Jesus is the Christ, but we try to tell him he doesn’t know how to run the world. Are there any you felt rebuked by God?