Sermon Notes:
Who Do You Say I am? Fall Apologetics Series
Week 1: Our Answer, vs Jesus' Answer

If asked the question, "Who is Jesus," what's your answer?

There's **two** options: who **we** believe Jesus is, and who **he** believes he is.

Scripture Focus: **Mark** 8:27-9:8

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The predominate **theory** was that Jesus was an Old Testament **prophet**, or perhaps **John** the Baptist, **risen** from the dead.

Peter declared that Jesus is the **Christ**, the prophesied **Messiah**.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 16:17

But what does **Jesus** mean when he thinks about the Messiah, vs how **Peter** thinks about it?

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Jesus' Messiah was to **die** and **raise** from the dead. Peter's messiah was to **rule** over all **nations**. Peter's idea was **demonic**, and needed to be **corrected**.

v.9:1-8

The **Father** calls the disciples to **listen** to Jesus, **embracing** the Son's answer to **who** the Messiah is.

Peter eventually **embraced** Jesus' **view** of himself.

Scripture Reference: 2 **Peter** 1:16-18
Scripture Reference: **John** 3:16-18

When **we** answer the question, we must **embrace** Jesus' understanding, and **reject** all others. It's the difference between the **godly** answer, and the **demonic**.

Challenge:
Who do you say Jesus is?
This week write down who you believe Jesus is. As we walk through these next few weeks, compare your answer to the answers of others, and see if it is Jesus' answer or your own.