



*Life of Christ Series*  
**Who Do You Say Jesus Is?**  
*Mark 8:14-30*

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Jesus' earthly ministry takes a turning point as his teachings start concentrating on his impending death and suffering as the Christ. Jesus gives warning about superficial concepts of who he is and what our faith should be.

**Mark 8:1-13**

"Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." <sup>16</sup> And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?" <sup>22</sup> And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village." <sup>27</sup> 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?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him."

**1. Jesus is WORTHY of Our TOTAL FAITH.** (v 14-21)

- “SPIRITUAL” in the New Testament is an illustration of INFLUENCE and most often symbolizes the EVIL influence of sin.
- The DISCIPLES' thoughts are still DOMINATED by material concerns.
- SUPERFICIAL faith BLINDS the true vocation of their master and are open to being TEMPTED by the “leaven” of the Pharisees.  
*“Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” **Matthew 16:12***

**2. Jesus Gradually Healed the Disciples SPIRITUAL SIGHT and Continues to Heal Ours.** (v 22-26)

**3. Jesus is the CHRIST, the ANOINTED ONE” of God.** (v 27-30)

- The answer every person gives to this question will DETERMINE his or her eternal DESTINY.

Even though Peter and the other disciples might not fully realize that Jesus' messianic mission cannot be understood apart from the cross. Jesus was not becoming king of the Jews by force, hence, telling them not to tell. Rather, Jesus' true calling was to be the suffering Messiah to give his life so you and I may find ours.