

SERMON TEXT - LUKE 9:18-27

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."

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."

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. 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."

The Question Of A Lifetime

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Theme: *What we believe about Jesus will affect every part of our life.*

1. The Most Important Question: *Who is Jesus?*

A. The Almost Right Answer

Truth - We all have to answer the question 'Who is Jesus?'. An almost right answer is insufficient.

B. The One Right Answer

Truth - Having a correct understanding of Jesus is a gift of God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

2. The Most Important Answer: *The Christ of God*

A. What Does This Answer Mean For Jesus?

Truth - It was the will of the Father that Jesus would suffer, be rejected, and be crucified.

B. What Does This Answer Mean For Us?

Truth - All the big questions in life are only truly answered when we lose ourselves in Jesus.

Other Passages and Quotes

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Paul Simon: *"We don't have the capacity to understand the great mysteries of life and God or no God or infinity, we just can't get it. It's beyond us, but that's fine. We're not meant to get that."*

Deuteronomy 21:23 *his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.*