

WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM

MATTHEW 16

Text: Matt 16:15

(Matthew 16:15) "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"

One of the reasons for the sermon is to make people think.

A preacher's job is to "reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (2 Timothy 4:2) When the preacher is doing his job the congregation should respond by thinking about the preacher's words and obeying them. The passage before us prompts me, as a preacher, to ask you three thought-provoking questions.

1. WHERE DO YOU STAND? - (VS. 13-19)

(Matthew 16:13-19) "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? {14} And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. {15} He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? {16} And Simon Peter answered and said,

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. {17} And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. {18} And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. {19} And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

A. The Lord first asked the disciples, "Who do men say that I the son of man am?" (Vs. 13)

(Matthew 16:13) "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

1. The worlds idea of who He is for the most part a lot different or should be a lot different than that of the believer.

B. Then the Lord asked the disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?" (Vs. 15)

(Matthew 16:15) "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"

C. It is important that we know who Jesus is and where we stand concerning Him.

1. Peter had the right answer "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
(Vs. 16)

(Matthew 16:16) "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

2. We either stand for Him or against Him.
3. We either serve Him or the world or self, you cannot serve both.
4. You either are saved or lost

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

- a. Has there been a change in your life since the time that you say you trusted Christ as your personal Saviour?

Who do you say Jesus is? Where do you stand concerning Him?

2. WHAT DO YOU SAVOR? (VS. 20-23)

(Matthew 16:20-23) "Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. {21} From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. {22} Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. {23} But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

A. Jesus began to warn the disciples concerning his impending death. (Vs. 21)

(Matthew 16:21) "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."

1. Peter rebuked the Lord. (Vs. 22)

(Matthew 16:22) "Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee."

2. Our Lord told Peter that he didn't "savor" or care about the things of God.

3. He was more interested in the things of man than the things of God. (Vs. 23)

(Matthew 16:23) "But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

What do you savor? Are you interested in the things of man, or the things of God?

3. HOW (WELL) DO YOU SUBMIT? (VS. 24-28)

(Matthew 16:24-28) "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. {25} For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. {26} For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? {27} For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. {28} Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

A. To truly follow Jesus we must be submissive to Him.

B. We must deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Him. (Vs. 24)

1. A man being crucified never had any plans of his or her own. They are at the mercy of another.

2. We must seek to lose our lives for His sake. That takes submission! Vss. 25-26

(Matthew 16:25-26) "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. {26} For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

C. Jesus will reward us later. Vs. 27

(Matthew 16:27) "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

Illustration:

It will be worth it all when we see Jesus, life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ, One glimpse of His

dear face all sorrow will erase, So bravely run the race
till we see Christ.

How well you submit to the Master?

Close:

Whom say ye that He is? Is he your Saviour? Is He the
one that you savor? Have you submitted to Him your
all?