

## Sermon Notes

*The Exaltation of Christ*

*Mark 8:27–30; Matthew 16:13–20*

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Who is Jesus? We are to imitate Him, so what does that mean? Jesus is:

- 1) Jesus is a great soul-winner. (Jesus reminded people of John the Baptist – Mark 8:28).
  
- 2) Jesus is a great miracle-worker. (Jesus reminds people of Elijah – Mark 8:28).
  
- 3) Jesus is the man-God of integrity. (Jesus reminded people of Godly prophets – men of integrity – Mark 8:28).
  
- 4) Jesus is The Christ – the only means of salvation. It is only through Jesus, faith in His perfection, His sacrifice on the cross, and His resurrection, by which we are saved (Mark 8:29; Matthew 16:16-20; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-10; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9).
  
- 5) Jesus is The Mediator between fallen humanity (us) and God the Father (Matthew 16:16-20; 1 Timothy 2:5). 1 Timothy is clear: Jesus alone serves as mediator between man and God – no one else!
  
- 6) Jesus is the foundation upon which the church is built (Matthew 16:16-20; Ephesians 2:19-22). He alone is the Cornerstone.

Next week's text: Mark 8:31–38

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### CONNECT:

- Can you describe who Jesus is to you?

Read Mark 8:27-30.

### GROW:

- This account takes place in Caesarea Philippi - a place known for idolatry of false gods. How do you keep your focus on the One True Savior in the midst of living in idolatrous places today? What other things can compete for your attention?

Read Matthew 16:16-20 for further details of the conversation.

- According to this passage, who is responsible for building the church? What is your favorite way to partner with Jesus in the construction?
- What did Peter call Jesus in Matthew 16:16? What was the significance in Peter's description of God? (Hint: Think about their location at the time).

### GO:

- We were given a list this week of what it looks like to live a life built on Jesus:
  - Regularly in God's Word
  - Regular prayer
  - Corporate worship
  - Seeking obedience to scripture
  - Loving God above all else
- What can you focus on improving this week?