Introduction:
A. Jesus asked His disciples an important question: “Do you ______ _____ I am?”

I. The Story
A. To ensure the necessary privacy for this all-important discussion, Jesus took his disciples to Caesarea Philippi, about ______ miles north of the Sea of Galilee.
B. The title “Son of Man” had a prophetic and ____________ element to it.
C. Jesus knew all things, so He _______ asking this question for His own _________.
D. The disciples shared three of the crowd’s opinions about the identity of the Son of Man:
   1. Some said he was __________ the ________.
   2. Others thought he was ________________.
   3. Others thought he was ________________.
E. Many people in our world today have no better _____________ of who Jesus is than people in Jesus time.
F. The purpose of Jesus’ first question was to lead to His second - the first was ___________ and the second was __________.
G. Peter’s answer had two parts.
   1. When Peter said, “You are the Christ” he meant “You are the ________.”
   2. Peter added, “You are the Son of the living God” meaning “you are _______ in the ________.”
H. This revelation about who Jesus was came by __________ ______________.
I. Jesus used Peter’s declaration as a launching pad to declare a number of important truths.
   1. Jesus declared that He would __________ His ________.
   2. Jesus declared that the ______ of ______ would not prevail against it.
   3. Although Peter was a _______, he was not the ________ on which the church was built - ________ and the truth about ________ is the rock, the cornerstone on which the church is built. (1 Cor. 3:11; 1 Pet. 2:6)
   4. Peter and the other apostles were given the ______ to opening and extending the kingdom of God.
J. Why did Jesus want them to keep this important truth a _________? Because it was not the right ________ for the world to know the ________.

II. The Application
A. The most important conclusion that each one of us will ever make is the conclusion we come to about the __________ of Jesus – who do we say that He _____?
B. C. S. Lewis and others have elaborated on the fact that Jesus is one of the following: a ________, a ________, a ________, or the ________.
C. When we come to the right conclusion that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, We must be sure to live in a way that is ________ of that claim.
D. And we must be sure that we are keeping Jesus in focus so that we are reflecting and representing Jesus as He ________ ____ not as we ________ Him to be.