

WORD OF THE DAY



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“He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

MEDITATE ON THIS (Say His Name)



"Who are you? Who am I? What is my identity, what is your identity?" These are all questions that people in our world are asking, as many struggle with issues of identity and orientation. In our verse of the day, we learn that prior to being able to know who we are, it is important to answer the identity question concerning who Jesus is.

In our verse of the day, Jesus knew that people were talking about Him, so He asked the disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" They gave many answers. Then Jesus asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" From sharing what the world said about Him, Jesus strategically turned the focus from outside to within, having the disciples personally reflect for themselves His identity.

Simon Peter correctly answered the question Jesus posed, stating, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Indeed, Peter was spot on, hitting the nail on the head; metaphorically speaking. Soon, a literal nail would be piercing the body of Jesus as He bled and died for the sins of the world. Many in our world see Jesus as a good teacher, a prophet, or even a messenger of love, and therefore feel comfortable grouping Him with other "good" teachers of religion and philosophy. However, none of those labels capture the true identity of Jesus, which is that He is the Son of God. The significance of this is that only Jesus died for our sins, and only faith in Him can save us.

May we never forget the true identity of Jesus and His orientation to God the Father, because when we do, we may forget who we are and lose our orientation to the Father as well.

- *Your brother in Christ, WNL*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When you know who He is, you will know who you are.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord, thank you for being one of a kind. In a world of confusion and chaos, you remind us that you are not the author of confusion. Please allow me to be reminded of who you are - the Son of God, so that I may never lose sight of who I am - a child of God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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