

The Lord of Life

Luke 9:18 Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" 19 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." 20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." 21 Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. 22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." 23 Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? 26 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels

In This Series We Will Learn That . . .

1. Jesus wants to be _____ of _____ part of your life!
2. You need to determine your _____ of commitment and your willingness to follow-through with trust.

The Background of This Story

Jesus is now moving towards _____. (Luke 9:51)

Jesus is moving towards a _____ commitment!

John 13:13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

The Place of This Story

Matt. 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

The Purpose in Going to Caesarea Philippi

The Questions:

#1 -- Who do the _____ say I am?

Why did He ask this?

Answers: John the Baptist – a rebel _____
Elijah – a man of _____

A great prophet – a great _____

#2 -- But what about you? Who do you say I am?

Answer: The Christ (Messiah) of God

_____ answer to this question is _____!

The Instructions: "If you believe this, then . . ."

1. _____ -- (The time wasn't right to tell this news!)

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Note: This is _____ an instruction for _____!

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2. _____ --

Americans aren't too _____ at this.

1Pet. 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Because:

Luke 9:24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

3. _____ --

Our _____

Our _____

Our _____ and _____

Because:

Luke 9: 25 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

4. _____ --

"Follow me" is the _____-used _____ of Jesus.

Because:

Luke 9:26 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

ASK: Do these instructions describe _____ in Christ?