

What do you say?
Mark 8:27-38

This week on Resurrection Sunday, we looked in the Gospel of Mark to gain an understanding of how Jesus defined one of His followers. So often, we hear the facts that Jesus rose from the dead, but this week we discovered the results of what responding to the resurrection does in the life of a believer. Four crucial points were highlighted in the text, which all followers of Jesus Christ believe. Since Jesus is THE Life and wants us to be made alive, we have the opportunity to repent and trust Him, and because He is returning soon, it becomes imperative for us to respond to Him now. The biggest question is, *Who do you say Jesus is?*

Please review the sermon notes below...

A follower of Christ believes...

Jesus is the ONLY Messiah. (27-30)

Jesus death, burial, and resurrection was a reality and a necessity. (31-33)

Jesus is Lord and chooses to be His servant. (34)

Jesus is returning in judgement, and His Word is true. (35-38)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to get connected with a group that will work for you.

1. It was mentioned that Jesus was the ONLY Messiah. Who else contends for being a Messiah in our culture? What are some of the Messiahs you have pretended to have? How did Jesus demonstrate He was the ONLY Messiah?
2. How impressive is it that the entirety of the Scripture is summed up in the person of Jesus Christ? Did Jesus ever claim He was the ONLY Messiah (John 1:1&14, John 3:16, John 14:6, John 5:39)? Describe how amazing it is that the Old Testament prophecies all came true in Jesus in the EXACT way they described?
3. How necessary was the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? What would be the reality if Jesus had not risen from the dead? What is the reality now that Jesus has risen from the dead?
4. Why do we have a difficult time talking about our sin? Why do we want to form a god in our own image rather than simply trusting God's Word? How many people are in need of Christ's forgiveness?

5. How does Jesus call his followers (Mark 8:34)? We talked about the idols of self-fulfillment, self-preservation, and self-exaltation. How does the call of Jesus crush those idols? What does it mean to *deny, die, and glorify*?
6. Why is it important to be a servant (Mark 10:45)? Why should one posture himself as a servant?
7. What were Jesus's promises about His return (Mark 14:62, Revelation 19:11-16)? How will His return to earth on this trip be different than His first? What should we expect to happen when He comes? How can we prepare?
8. Pastor Jeff finished the sermon by telling the story of a boy whose father placed several white sheets out to let him know that he wanted him to come home. Jesus didn't hang out a sheet but hung on the cross. How do you feel knowing that Jesus Christ left heaven to come and hang for you to let you know the Father wants you to come home?
9. Who do you say Jesus Christ is?