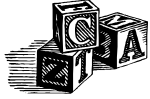


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Event at Caesarea Philippi: Peter's Confession, Christ's Revelation," (Mark 8:27-38; 9:30-32 [Gospel Parallels – Matt. 16:13-28; Luke 9:18-27])



Basic Ideas from Mark 8:27-9:1.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the plan of God for the redemption of His people.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose His way over our own.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His finished work.



Basic Questions from Mark 8:27-9:1.

1. What question did Jesus pose to His disciples?
2. How did the disciples answer the question?
3. What does their answer tell you about those who heard Him?
4. Why does Jesus address His disciples directly?
5. What did Peter reveal about himself in His answer?
6. Why did Jesus tell them not "to tell anyone about Him?"
7. Verse 31 is the first time Jesus tells of His death. How do you believe the disciples received this news? What was their understanding of the Messiah, and how did this clash with this view?
8. Did Jesus state His thoughts openly?
9. What was Peter's response to the Lord's statement?
10. What did Jesus say to Peter and why?
11. What does this tell you about the purpose of God for the redemption of His people?
12. How do verses 34-38 fit into what Jesus just said about Himself?
13. Is Jesus speaking of initial salvation (i.e., justification) or is He speaking of simply following Him (i.e., sanctification)? In other words, can a person be saved if they are not embracing the ideas of verses 34-38?
14. Jesus calls those who follow Him "disciples." What might determine whether or not a person is a disciple of Jesus?
15. Notice all the "for" beginning verses 34-38. How do they function in relation to what Jesus just said to His audience?
16. How do you view the statements of verses 34-38?
17. Does the bible ever speak in a cultural or historical vacuum? Does it speak in a moral or religious vacuum? How does His answer correspond to the Hebrew Scripture?
18. Why do you think Mark dropped this passage in his narrative?
19. How does this passage relate to the overall flow of Mark's story?
20. What part does this paragraph have to the storyline of the Bible?
21. How might this passage change the way you think and behave?
22. What application can we make from this text?

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The **Basic Application** from Mark 8:27-9:1.

1. Know and openly profess Jesus as the Christ.
2. Be careful that your words and actions are not working against God's redemptive purpose.
3. As a Christian, you have died with Christ nevertheless you live. Do you know this truth and do you live this truth?
4. We live under the curse, Jesus has conquered the curse, and one day He will forever removed the curse. Let this hope fill us with endurance as we live Christ in the world.
5. What does this story cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?

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