

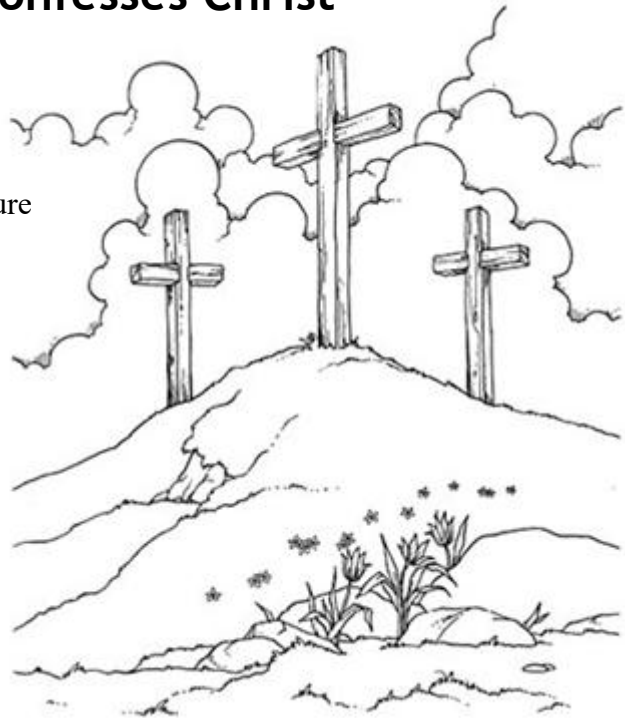
MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Value of a Soul: Peter Confesses Christ

Lesson 95



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Read this story in
the Bible:

Mark 8 v 27-38

"You are the Christ"

As Jesus walked about the country of Israel with His disciples, He talked to them about the most important things. He wanted them to understand Who He was and why He had come. Do you know Who Jesus is? Yes, He is the Son of God. Now find out why Jesus came to earth.

The disciples had seen Jesus do wonderful things. He had showed His power over the wind and waves when He stopped a storm, and over illness when He made people better. He had told the people many parables which explained many things about God and the need of every person to be made right with Him. The disciples knew Jesus was very powerful. They saw His life and knew He had never done anything wrong. He had no sin, unlike every other person. All of us have sinful hearts - that's how we were born. Jesus was perfect. That makes Him God, because only God is perfect.

One day Jesus asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah or one of the prophets." "But who do you think I am?", Jesus asked. What would you have answered? Peter replied, "You are the Christ," the One Whom God would send to put right the problem we have with sin. Jesus said that Peter was right, and He taught the disciples that this would mean that He would have to die. After that He would rise again. Peter didn't like that, but Jesus explained that was the only way He could save people like us.

Do you trust in Jesus? Do you believe He can rescue you from your sin? You can ask Him to now. Jesus said this is the most important thing in the world.

Who is Jesus?

Your answer to Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?" is the most important thing you could ever say. He told His disciples that a person's soul - the part of you that makes you 'you' - lives for ever. It is the most valuable thing you have. We should take care that we look after our soul, and come to Jesus for forgiveness from our sins. That is better than anything else in the world that we could own.

The Lord Jesus had many names. In Mark 8 v 29 Peter called Him "the Christ". That means God's anointed One. See how many names of Jesus you can work out from the list below. Unscramble the name and match it up with what it means.

NAME		MEANING
1. OURVIAS	_ _ _ _ _	He redeems (buys back) His people
2. FOSOGODN	_ _ _ _ _	He rules the world
3. BLOMFAODG	_ _ _ _ _	God with us
4. NAMILEMU	_ _ _ _ _	He will save from sin
5. MEEREERD	_ _ _ _ _	He is God's Son
6. GINK	_ _ _ _	He was a sacrifice for sin

Word you will need:

Immanuel

King

Son of God

Saviour

Redeemer

Lamb of God

A verse to memorise:

"What will a man give in exchange

for his soul?"

Mark 8 v 37 (NKJV)