

# The Value of a Soul: Peter confesses Christ



Refer to Mark 8 v 27-38

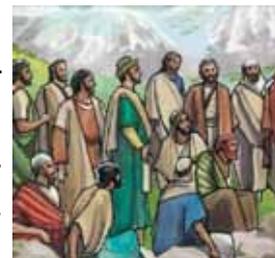
By this time John the Baptist was dead. Jesus asked His followers a question: “Who do men say that I am?”

1) What answers did the disciples give? .....

Jesus’ next question is one we all need to answer. “Who do you say that I am?”

2) What did Peter answer? .....

3) He and the other disciples knew that Jesus was the Christ, or Messiah, promised by God. What did Jesus teach them would happen to Him? (verse 31) .....



4) Is this what did happen later? .....

5) What did Peter think of what Jesus was teaching? .....

*Jesus had to deal with this wrong idea of what the Messiah had come to do. He taught the disciples that their soul was more valuable than anything else. In order to be saved, it was necessary for Messiah, the Son of God, to take away our sins - and to do that He had to suffer, die and rise again.*

6) What does this tell us about Jesus, the Son of God? .....

*Thank Him for His great mercy and for coming to do what we cannot do for ourselves. Are you trusting in Jesus?*

## How to Follow Jesus

*Have you thought about what it means to follow Jesus? It may not seem to be very attractive - you seem to have to ‘lose’ a lot. Jesus taught the disciples to think about the value of their souls compared with things they could gain in this life. Think of it like putting things in scales. The gains are heavier than the losses.*



*Think about which of these is a real (lasting) loss and which is a real gain:*

losing all my things

everlasting life

not having everything I want

spending eternity in hell

inconvenience for Christ

eternity in Heaven

the love of Jesus

temporary love of other people

