

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Theme: Having a conviction about Jesus as *the Savior of the world*. Lk. 9:18-22

INTRODUCTION

- A. Luke has given a thorough accounting to convict His friend of the things he had been taught about Jesus. Lk. 1:3-4
- B. Now, in seeming parallel, Luke records for Theophilus a question he needs to answer for himself, as Jesus gave to His disciples.
- C. We need to answer the same question today.

I. LUKE'S CASE FOR THE CHRIST

- A. Birth foretold/fulfilled. Lk. 1-2
- B. Genealogy: Son of God. Lk. 3:23ff
- C. His work was executed with **power/authority**. Lk. 4:32
- D. Reaction to the works/teachings of Jesus. Lk. 4-9
 - 1. Prophecies. Lk. 4:18-22
 - 2. Teachings. Lk. 4:23-29
 - 3. Miracles. Lk. 4:31-37
 - 4. Healings. Lk. 4:38-41
- E. Jesus sends disciples out with power and authority. Lk. 9:1-11
 - 1. They powerfully healed with Christ's authority.
 - 2. Undoubtedly, many would see the power and authority as coming from Jesus
- F. Feeding of 5,000: implied questions about Jesus. v. 12-17

II. WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?

- A. All – believers/unbelievers – saw the same Jesus.
- B. Some thought Him to be John the Baptist. Lk. 9:7
- C. Others thought Him to be a Elijah. Lk. 9:8
- D. Still others, some other prophet. Lk. 9:19

III. WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

- A. The closest followers believed Him to be the Christ (Hebrew: Messiah). Lk. 9:20
- B. They saw everything about Jesus from the "*beginning*".
- C. Like Theophilus, we (today) have the same question we need to answer.

CONCLUSION

- A. Do you believe Him to be the Christ, or not?
- B. Your answer has eternal consequences.