

“Jesus is the Messiah”

Jesus is Series (Week 2) November 15, 2020

Intro:

- Welcome everyone!
 - East Location, Fort Myers Location and everyone joining us Online through our digital platforms.
 - Honor MWK & SJK (Praying for MWK)
 - Thank you for the opportunity to get to share God’s word with our church family.
- Re-introduce myself
 - Location Pastor at the Fort Myers Location
 - Irina, Gracie, Oliver, Adalina and Baby Joshua
- Review
 - Week 2 of Jesus is
 - We heard from Pastor Luis last week and it was amazing

Tension

- We are living in a crazy time and space in history aren’t we?
 - It’s a tense time in the history
 - It’s a time when you can read three news stories on the same thing and get three very different realities
 - It’s a time that is hard to know what is true or false
 - And it can bring about a lot of confusion

TS: I believe in tense times like these it demands that we define what is true and what is not. And most important we need to that...

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PRAY ---

- DTR – DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP

- Story of a confusion time in Irina and my dating years. (FUNNY)

I believe that the same thing is true of our relationship with Jesus. That we need a DTR, a Define the relationship kind of moment.

Today we are going to look at a “Define the Relationship” conversation that Jesus had with his disciples that brought a ton of clarity and confidence in there unclear world!

INVITE

Church, I want to invite you to go to the book of Luke 9:18-20 if you have your bible.

- If you don't have your bible that's ok, we will have verses on the screen. (Sky bible)

I also want to encourage you to take notes, as Pastor Luis talked about last week it makes it so much easier to review and remember what God spoke to you later this week.

Let's read...

Luke 9:18-20 (NIV) Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God's Messiah.”

I think in these three verses we see Jesus having a defining the relationship kind of conversation. You see at this point the disciple have spent a lot of time with Jesus

To really understand what Jesus is asking and why Peter is responding the way he is we have to go back to the beginning...

- In the beginning God created a perfect world.
- But became imperfect by man's disobedience to Him.
- So God made a promise that one day that “someone” would come to crush the lies and destroy evil.

- That someone would be the Messiah, the savior of the world. Jesus Christ!
- He took the full effect of humanity's evil onto himself, dying a gruesome death, but then rising from the dead, taking power over evil and defeating death.
- And that this same power is now available for to us today!

Let's look again at Peter's response...

Luke 9:20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

Messiah, which means the savior of the world!

"God's Messiah" refers to the promised and anointed one of the Old Testament.

The Jewish people of Jesus' time would have known this scripture and the promise of the Messiah in it.

And Peter made the link between the promise in the scripture and Jesus he had been following.

He know that Jesus was the Messiah, the savior, the Son of Man, The Christ of God.....THE PROMISED ONE THAT WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING!

You see it was clear to Peter...

But, why did the "crowds not see it"

Let's take a deeper look at the two different groups of people that Jesus asked the same questions to on that day.

Group #1: "The Crowds"

- This group of people included the distant followers of Jesus.
 - o People that Jesus taught on the hill side
 - o People that were a part of the group when he feed the 5000
 - o People at the synagogues that he teach in.
- The question that Jesus was ask was who did they think he was.
- We see their answer in the way the disciples responded to Jesus.

Luke 9:19 (NIV) They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

- They saw Jesus as
 - o John the Baptist
 - o Elijah
 - o Maybe one of the prophets from a long time ago s
- The crowds just saw Jesus as a man with a great message and great power, which was true.
- But, ultimately they did not see him as the promised one!

Which in turn stopped them from putting their full trust and lives in Him.

But, what about Peter and the disciples?

Group #2: “Peter” (The Disciples)

- Peter and the rest of the Disciples were the more close and intimate group to Jesus.
- When Jesus ask Peter who he says that Jesus is it was clear how he felt.
- Peter heard Jesus messages and saw His power just like the crowds.
- But, Peter also knew Jesus intimately after living with and spending time with Him for three years.
- The difference is what Peter gave up to be with Jesus.
 - o His work
 - o His family
 - o His safety
- Which was the thing that ultimately allowed him to conclude that Jesus was not just another man or even a great prophet, but that he was the promised one from God the Father.
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I believe that that Jesus is wanting to have a DTR with us today. He wants to Define our Relationship with him in the same way he was trying to define the relationship that the crowds and the disciples had with him over 2000 years ago.

So, who do we say Jesus is?

Our world (the crowds) are saying a lot about Him!

They believe that Jesus was a real person in history, some even believe that he is a god.

But, the bible is clear He is the only God.

John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Peter decided in his heart that Jesus was the only way.

So, it's time to have a DTR with Jesus. We need to define our relationship with him.

Who is Jesus to you?

Do you know him as the crowds did or as Peter did?

That he is not just your Messiah but also your Lord

Do you know him at all.

2 Challenges:

1st: I believe there is a group of you that need to have a DTR even though you have already said yes to him as your Messiah.

He is not just our Saviour, but also our Lord.

I think the defining is more about how you trust or how maybe you have

PRAY for first group of people to reup with Jesus.

2nd: I also believe there is a whole group of you that have never taking the step to ask Jesus into your life to me your Lord and Savior

Today can be that day

We believed that God so loved the world that he gave his one and only.
That whoever believed in him would not perish but have eternal life with him in heaven.

If we would confess our sins to him he is faithful and just to forgive us of all our unrighteousness.

Sin is the things that we have done wrong and that sin separates us from God and right relationship with him.

The bible is clear in Romans... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But Jesus was the pure and spotless lamb, the sacrifices, the payoff of our debt of sin.

He died for you and I on the cross and rose again in three days to be our Lord and to have a relationship with him forever.

If you would like to say yes to Jesus we are going to give you that chance right now.

So, whatever room you're in would you bow your heads and close your eyes.

Pray for Salvation for those in the room and those watching.

Finish prayer with a prayer of blessing.