

A Challenging Encounter

Message 9

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► **Outline**

... *"But who do you say I am?"*

Mark 8:29 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(John 3:36; 20:31)

B. Jesus' challenging conversation revealed...

(Mark 8:27-33)

1. Popular _____ are _____.

(Mark 8:27-28. C/R: Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Malachi 4:5;
Matthew 14:1-2; John 2:24-25)

2. Personal _____ is _____.

(Mark 8:29-30. C/R: Matthew 11:1-3; 16:15-17;
Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 2:12)

3. Particular _____ is _____.

(Mark 8:31-33. C/R: Isaiah 53; Mark 8:34; Luke 4:13;
Acts 2:22-24)

Answers: 1. opinions, irrelevant 2. conviction, crucial 3. commitment, essential

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What words would your closest friends use to describe you?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Mark 8:27-33](#).

1. What opinions do people in our culture have about Jesus?
2. How do those opinions differ from what you believe?
3. What did the disciples still need to learn about Jesus before they told others about Him?
4. Why is Jesus' suffering essential to the Gospel?
5. How did Jesus' prediction of His suffering differ from what Peter expected of Him?
6. What expectations have you placed on Jesus?
7. How do these expectations keep you from knowing Him intimately?
8. Why does God's plan for us include suffering?
9. How do the expectations you have for your own life differ from God's plan for you?

10. What does it look like for a person to be surrendered to God?
11. What's the difference between seeing things from a human point of view rather than God's point of view?
12. How does this passage reframe what you think it means that Jesus is the Messiah?
13. What have you learned about Jesus from this week's lesson?
14. What have you learned about yourself from this week's lesson?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

On a notecard or sticky note, write Jesus' words, *not My will, but Yours be done* (from [Luke 22:42](#)). Place this where you'll see it often, and ask God to give you the desire to follow His plan and not your own.

Memory Verse

Then, calling the crowd to join His disciples, He said, "If any of you wants to be My follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow Me."

[Mark 8:34 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [John 2:23-25](#)

Day 4: [Romans 10:9-13](#)

Day 2: [Malachi 4:4-6](#)

Day 5: [Acts 2:22-24](#)

Day 3: [Deuteronomy 18:15-18](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 5, we'll conclude our series *Encounters with Christ*. To prepare read [Revelation 20:11-21:7](#).



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