

**Who is Jesus really? (Luke 9:18-27)**

**Introduction**

- How important are questions of identity?
- Were people intrigued by Jesus' identity when he walked the earth?
- Who asks about Jesus' identity in v9?
- Who proclaims Jesus' identity in v35?
- Who discusses Jesus' identity in the verses in between?

**i Identity**

- In v18, Jesus asks who people say he is. What do the responses in v19 show?
- What opinions about Jesus' identity might be expressed today?
- What does Jesus do to the disciples in v20a?
- What answer does Peter give in v20b?
- What do the words "Christ" and "Messiah" mean?
- Give an example of an Old Testament verse which speaks about the Messiah.
- What did the Jews of Jesus' day think the Messiah was going to do?
- Why does Jesus not deny that he is the Messiah in v21?
- Why would Jesus' words in v22 have been a shock to the disciples?

- What enemies would he take on?
- Give some examples of sin.
- What does sin lead to according to Romans 6:23?
- How did Jesus defeat sin and death and hell?
- What about you? Who do you say Jesus is?

## **ii Implications**

- In v23, what is the first thing Jesus tells us we must do with the fact that Jesus is the Messiah?
- What sorts of things are we to deny ourselves?
- What must we do because of our sinful desires?
- What does it mean to take up your cross?
- What two things does following Jesus involve?
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  - (ii)
- Why, according to v25, is it so important to live out the implications of Jesus' identity?