



STUDY GUIDE | FEBRUARY 28, 2021

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- How you see Jesus affects how you relate to Jesus
- You can give right answers about who Jesus is, and still put him into your box
- Jesus is the Suffering King
- When you know who Jesus really is, you can discover who you really are
- God thinks you're worth dying for

LET'S TALK

- 1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
- 2. Read Mark 8:27-33. What were the different views the disciples had of Jesus?
- 3. Just as the disciples had their own preconceived views of Jesus's identity, we also put Jesus in our own box to fit our desires. Pastor Steve gives some examples.
 - **Crisis counsellor.** The Jesus we call upon only when we're in trouble.

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- Mystical Jesus. The Jesus who is so distant, he couldn't possibly want to be involved in the ins and outs of our everyday lives.
- Eternal life insurance policy. The Jesus who exists to make sure we end up in the right place after we die, but has little if anything to do with how we live our lives in the here and now.
- Political ally. The Jesus who votes the way I vote, supports the party I support, and sees the issues the way I do.

Which of "box" do you most relate to? Is there another "box" you tend to put Jesus in?

- 4. Jesus explained that his mission wasn't to be a military hero but to suffer and be rejected. Knowing that Jesus calls us to follow him, how does this change the way you look at your own suffering and "failures"?
- 5. Scott Perkins says, "As we follow Jesus, there is a lot to unlearn... Failure, like we have observed through Peter, is part of opening oneself to the new Way."

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Think about some challenges or "failures" in your life right now. What do you think Jesus is calling you to unlearn?

6. Pastor Steve says, "Jesus not only suffered and died for the world — he's the King who suffered and died for you — who went to the cross and absorbed the penalty for your sins... This means that God thinks you're worth dying for."

How does this truth impact you? What is one way you can reinforce this truth to yourself this week?

LET'S PRAY

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).



