WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Mark 8:22-30 (Key Verse 8:29)

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

1. To where did Jesus and the disciples come to and who did some people bring to Jesus (22)? What was their request? What did Jesus do (23)? Why take the man outside the village? Why this strange way of using “a spit” to heal the man? What did the man say to Jesus (24)?

1. What does the incomplete healing suggest (24, 25)? How does healing the blind point to Jesus’ Messiahship? (Isaiah 35:5,6) In what sense does this parallel the spiritually blind disciples’ gradual healing? What command did Jesus give the man in the end (26)?

1. Where did Jesus and his disciples go (27a)? Where is this place? What was the first question Jesus asked his disciples (27b)? What was their answer (28)? What does this tell us about ordinary people's general view of Jesus? Why would the crowd’s view of Jesus be different from that of the disciples (“But”)?

1. What was Jesus' second question? (29) How is this question different from the first question? How did Peter answer? What does "the Christ" or “the Messiah” mean? (Mt 16:16; Lk 9:20) In what respect is this answer different from that of the people?

1. What did this confession mean to Peter personally? (Jn 14:6; Mt 16:17-19) In what sense is this event a turning point in his life? In Jesus’ disciple training ministry? Why did he warn them not to tell anyone? Can you make such a confession?