



1. What are people saying about Jesus?

📖 Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” (Luke 9:18).

- Jesus begins with what others are saying about him. The disciples had heard speculation (Elijah reincarnated, John the Baptist back from the dead, a prophet from way back, returned...). It can be easier to talk about public opinion than to confront our personal beliefs. Jesus starts with a safe question, but he doesn't stay there.
- **Follow-up:** How do the opinions of society or culture shape the way people understand Jesus? How might focusing on “what others say” keep someone from forming their own personal opinion or faith?

2. Who do you personally believe Jesus is?

📖 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” (Luke 9:20).

- The conversation shifts from general to personal. Jesus moves from private speculation to personal conviction. This question cannot be answered by tradition, family belief, or church attendance. It demands a response. At some point, faith becomes personal—not inherited, not assumed, but *chosen*.
- **Follow-up:** If Jesus asked you this question today, what would your honest answer be? What doubts or questions do you still have about who Jesus is, and how could you explore them?

3. Do you recognize Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God?

📖 Peter answered, “God’s Messiah” (Luke 9:20).

- Peter’s declaration acknowledges who Jesus truly is—not just a teacher or prophet, but the promised Messiah and Son of God. This question challenges each of us to reflect on whether we recognize his identity and authority in our own lives and what that means for how we live.
- **Follow-up:** What does it mean for your daily life to truly believe Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God? Are there areas where you struggle to surrender to his authority or trust him fully?