

# Choose

Mark 8:27-9:1

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In the first eight chapters of Mark, Jesus has been \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that He is the savior God promised to send to Israel.

Now He asks the disciples to make the most important decision of their lives (Mark 8.27):

*“Who do you say that I am?”*

Why is this such an important decision to make?

- If Jesus isn't God the disciples are free to live life \_\_\_\_\_.
- If Jesus is God then He is the rightful \_\_\_\_\_ of their lives.

We have to make the same decision:

- “Who do you say that He is?”
- What you decide about Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ you will ever make.

When it comes to Jesus we only have three options.

- Either He was a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or He is the \_\_\_\_\_.

C.S. Lewis (Mark 8.29)

Some things to consider if you haven't made a decision...

- It is okay to have \_\_\_\_\_.
- But you need to commit to \_\_\_\_\_.

Some things to remember if you have chosen to follow Him as Lord...

- If Jesus is God then we don't get to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Instead, \_\_\_\_\_ to His plans and His goals—He calls the shots. (Mark 8.31-33)
- If Jesus is God then we have to learn \_\_\_\_\_ and what He \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have to become His disciples.

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**Talk it over...** with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

- What was your main takeaway from the worship service today? It could be something from the music, the sermon, the prayer, or any portion of the service? In what ways did you connect with God today?
- Read through Mark 8.27-9.1. What lessons do you draw from this passage (these may or may not be the same as the ones talked about in the sermon)?
- What was the most significant decision that you ever made in your life? In what ways do you imagine that your life would have turned out differently if you had made a different choice?
- Who do you think that Jesus is and why? What do you make of His claims to be God?
- Mike talked some in the sermon about how bad experiences with Christians negatively impacted his view of Christianity. Have you ever had that experience? If so, how did you deal with it? When trying to answer questions about Christ how much weight should we give to our experience with other Christians? In what ways can that help or hinder our decisions?
- Do you think that you have ever fallen into the trap of trying to put Jesus into a box and define Him according to your own terms and taste? How so?
- What do you need to do as a result of being here today? What choice do you need to make?

**Next step:** Here is something you can do this week to dig deeper:

- If you have questions about Jesus and are looking to answer them there are a lot of great resources out there. A good place to start is at [www.seanmcdowell.com](http://www.seanmcdowell.com). This website has lots of links and articles that can give you a place to begin as you ask your questions.
- Be sure to join us next week as we start our new series FAQ, where we answer questions that you all suggested.
- Head to Redeemer's website and check out descriptions of our new Live Well classes that start next week. They're at [www.rcctulsa.org](http://www.rcctulsa.org) under the Adults tab.

