

SCCC – WHO PEOPLE SAY I AM?

S - Scriptures

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 16: 13

C- Consideration

After spending around two years with his disciples, Jesus asked them two unexpected questions. By this time, they had seen amazing miracles they had never seen before, such as blind people, lepers and cripples being healed, the rough sea, and the strong winds calming down by His commands, the miraculous multiplication of five loaves of bread and two fish to feed thousands. They had heard sermons and teachings they previously never heard, they witnessed the purity, perfection, and holiness of a man they never formerly saw before. Andrew, a former disciple of John the Baptist, heard the prophet shouting twice, “Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Obviously, Jesus knew what people were saying, nevertheless, He inquired, and they replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Perhaps to avoid embarrassment they didn’t mention that some were calling Him Samaritan, deceiver, and others demon-possessed.

C- Commitment

Why would Jesus have asked such questions to the twelve? Because, without knowing Jesus’s identity, they couldn’t carry on God’s purpose to save humanity, as His identity was attached to His mission. The next question would show this “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.” Jesus was the anointed one. He was the son of man and the Son of God. Because He was God, He was a perfect man, and because He was a perfect man, He could save sinful men. As Jesus expressed this essential truth about who He was, He wants His followers to know who they are as well. The crowd, like in Jesus’s time will have different opinions about us. Some will praise, others will curse us; therefore, we must know our identity. The Lord said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” And he answered, “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” By Jeremiah’s reply, we can see that he had a low self-esteem complex, due to the ignorance of his identity. The Scriptures affirm, “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” Jesus came to restore the identity of a lost man like me. When I accepted Him as my Savior and Lord, I became a son of God and an heir with Christ. No matter what people call me, I know who I am.

C – Call

My God, thank You for revealing my identity in Your word. You made me and I am very precious in Your eyes. My Lord, help me to forgive those who dishonor me and to keep in my heart this blessed truth: I am Your beloved son, through Jesus Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.