

## **Introduction: Selective Listening “Then” and “Now”**

*27 Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked them, “Who do people say I am?”*

*28 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”*

*29 “But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.”*

*30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him.*

*31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the Law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again.*

*32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.*

*33 But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter. “Out of My sight, Satan!” He said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”*

Mark 8:27-33 (NIV)

- Peter only got it ½ right.
- What did Peter miss?

**The promised Messiah - a coin with 2 sides:**

**1. A Political Ruler, King, and Deliverer**

- Born of a virgin Isaiah 7:14
- From the throne of David Psalm 2, Isaiah 11:10
- The Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6
- The political Ruler forever Isaiah 9:7

**2. A Suffering Servant, A Sacrifice for Sin**

- Born of a virgin Isaiah 7:14
- From the throne of David Psalm 2, Isaiah 11:10
- Pierced for our transgressions Isaiah 53:5-6
- Exalted to the highest place Isaiah 53:11-12

**The Messiah fulfills both prophecies:**

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

His first Advent (coming) was as a suffering servant to pay for our sin; His second coming will be as Righteous Ruler; the King of the universe who will rule with justice and establish peace forever.

- 11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war.*
- 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself.*
- 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God.*
- 14 The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.*
- 15 Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.*
- 16 On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written:  
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

**What we can't afford to miss:**

1. Peter was 100% right in his declaration of Jesus' identity, and 100% wrong on Jesus' direction for his life.
  - **Why?** Selective listening and personal agenda.
  - **Application:** We cannot declare our love for Jesus and “selectively choose” which aspects of His Lordship over our lives we will obey.
2. When we separate the person of Jesus from the purpose of Jesus for our lives, we deceive ourselves and destroy His reputation.

**Application / Discussion:**

1. Which Jesus are you worshipping?
2. Are you asking Jesus to fulfill your agenda or are you seeking to fulfill His?
3. What is His purpose for your life?
4. What “next step” of faith / obedience would following Him look like?