

The scripture lesson is found in Luke 9:7-20 . It is not printed here due to length. Please read the entire passage prior to completing this Next Steps.

Herod wanted to know who Jesus was. Some thought that maybe he was John raised from the dead, or Moses or Elijah. People still want to know who Jesus is today. While they may not be thinking of John, Moses or Elijah as their answer, they are most likely thinking that Jesus was either a good man, a crazy man or just maybe he was who he said he was – the Messiah or Christ.

C.S. Lewis said it like this in his book Mere Christianity,

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him [that is, Christ]: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.... You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

So, who do you say Jesus was? Do you really believe that he is the uniquely born Son of God, the savior of the world?

If you do truly believe in Jesus, shouldn't you share that amazing truth with others? And is there any better place to do that than around the table over a good meal? When is the last time you openly shared with someone about your faith in Jesus? I'm not asking to go out and sell Jesus like a vacuum salesman. I'm not talking about standing on a street corner yelling at the passing cars to "Turn or Burn." No, I just mean genuinely sharing what Jesus has done in your life and what he means to you. You just need to tell people your story. Maybe you don't think you are a good enough Bible expert to talk to people about Jesus, but you are the foremost expert on your own life. Just tell people about what Jesus means to you. That will make an impact.

You have been challenged to invite someone to join you at the table. Who will God lead you to host? Will it be a representation of God's Kingdom community?

Ask someone to join you for worship. Invite them to join you for supper on Wednesdays.

Who deserves to join you on this journey? When will you ask?

Remember, we have gathered in worship; now it is time to go and be the church.

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