

Mark 8:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

Analysis

And Jesus went out, and his disciples... Jesus probes disciples' understanding. This passage demonstrates Christ's divine authority and teaching, challenging religious traditions while establishing kingdom principles. Reformed theology sees here the fulfillment of Old Testament promises and the pattern for New Covenant faith.

Historical Context

First-century Jewish context and Roman occupation shaped these interactions. Archaeological and historical evidence confirms Gospel accounts' accuracy. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing fulfillment in Christ and application to church practice.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge modern assumptions about religion, discipleship, or salvation?
2. What specific application should this truth have in your daily life and witness?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ οἱ μαθητὰς αὐτοῖς, εἰς
And **went out** ^{G3588} **Jesus** **And** ^{G3588} **disciples** **his** **into**
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τὰς κώμας Καισαρείας τῆς Φιλίππου· καὶ ἐν τῇ
^{G3588} **the towns** **of Caesarea** ^{G3588} **Philippi** **And** **by** ^{G3588}
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ὁδῷ ἐπηρώτα τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῖς, λέγουσιν αὐτοῖς,
the way **he asked** ^{G3588} **disciples** **his** **do** **his**
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Τίνα με λέγουσιν οἱ ἄνθρωποι εἶναι
Whom **that I** **do** ^{G3588} **men** **am**
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