

## **“But Who Do You Say That I AM?” – Mark 8:27-9:8**

### **Intro:**

### **I. Jesus Is The Christ Who Must Suffer – Mark 8:27-33**

### **II. Jesus’ Followers Must Die To Self – Mark 8:34-9:1**

“The Christian way is different: harder, and easier. Christ says, ‘Give me All. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours.’” – C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

1. “Deny yourself”
2. “Take up your cross”
  - Galatians 2:20
3. “And follow me”
  - Matthew 11:28-30

### **III. Jesus Is More Than A Man, He’s God’s Beloved Son – Mark 9:2-8**

1. **His transformation**
  - Mark 1:11
2. **Our transformation**
  - 2 Corinthians 3:18

### **IV. “But Who Do You Say That I AM?” – Mark 8:29**

“You can shut him up for a fool (i.e. Lunatic), you can spit at him and kill him as a demon (i.e. Liar); or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” – C.S. Lewis

1. **Lunatic**
  - Mark 2:5-7, 10-11
2. **Liar**
  - John 8:52, 58-59 (Exodus 3:14)
3. **Lord**
  - John 15:13-14

### **Devotion:**

Following Jesus is hard, yet easy. He calls us to abandon our attachments to this world. He calls us to follow him into a new life by dying to our old self. As we **take-up** our cross to follow Jesus we also **take-up** his yoke which brings rest for our souls.

Where do you need to deny yourself and take up your cross? Before you can do this and follow Jesus, you will need to answer his question. If you are willing to surrender all of You to the Lord and follow him, then write your name to his question below.

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” \_\_\_\_\_ answered him, “You are the Christ.”