

King on a Cross

Mark 8:27-38

Series: *“The Heart of the Matter”*

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Mark 8:27–38 (CSB) - *Jesus went out with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the road he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”*

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29 “But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” 30 And he strictly warned them to tell no one about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that it was necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and be

***rejected by the elders, chief priests,
and scribes, be killed, and rise after
three days. ³²He spoke openly
about this. Peter took him aside
and began to rebuke him. ³³But
turning around and looking at his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and***

said, “Get behind me, Satan! You are not thinking about God’s concerns but human concerns.”

³⁴Calling the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵For

whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and the gospel will save it. ³⁶For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life? ³⁷What can anyone give in exchange for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of

***me and my words in this
adulterous and sinful generation,
the Son of Man will also be
ashamed of him when he comes in
the glory of his Father with the holy
angels.”***

**1. It means grasping
Jesus's identity as
Messiah.**

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**2. It means dying to self
so you can live for
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**3. It means going public
with your commitment
to Christ.**

Mark 8:38 (CSB) – *“For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”*