

MESSAGE

MESSIAH

JESUS ON THE MOVE, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 3

LUKE 9:18-20 | FEBRUARY 11/12, 2017 | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON



STUDY GUIDE

"But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?" (Luke 9:20)

Seeing Jesus through the Eyes of the Crowds (Luke 9:18-19)

Jesus the Prophet:

- like John the Baptist
- like Elijah
- like a prophet of long ago

The distance between Jesus and the view of the crowds

Seeing Jesus through the Eyes of the Disciples (Luke 9:20)

Jesus the Messiah of God

- like Moses
- like David
- like other revolutionaries

The distance between Jesus and the view of the disciples

Seeing Jesus through Our Own Eyes

1. What do people in society at large or in your relational sphere say about Jesus?
2. We continue the series "Jesus on the Move" this week by looking at three brief but incredibly important verses. Before you begin this study, ask God to speak to you from His Word, and then read Luke 9:18-20 aloud.
3. *Background:* This brief passage is one of the most significant moments in Jesus' self-revelation and the disciples' grasp of His identity. It comes after much teaching (6:17-49), many miracles (8:22-56; 9:10-17) and the sending out of the Twelve apostles (9:1-6), but before the transfiguration (9:28-36).
4. This episode happens in the context of prayer. Why do you think that is important? Where else do you see prayer as important in Jesus' ministry and life in Luke?
5. Jesus asks His disciples who the crowds say that He is (9:18)? What sort of answers do they give (9:19)? Look at Luke 8:25 and 9:7-9 for background on the thinking of the crowd.
6. Next, Jesus asks the disciples about their own view of Him (9:20). What do you think Jesus' intention was in turning this question from the crowds to the disciples?
7. Peter responds that Jesus is "God's Messiah" (NIV) or "the Christ of God" (ESV) [the word *christos* is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word messiah]. What is significant about this response from Peter?
8. If Jesus asked you the question, "who do you say that I am?" how would you respond?
9. What is one thing that God is speaking to you personally through this study? If you're on your own, take some time to write it down and share it with someone later. If you are with a small group, share it with one another.

READING PLAN

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we are arranging a weekday reading plan through this entire series with the Gospel of Luke. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word. Follow along with the reading plan below, through the Eastbrook app, or on social media.

Feb. 13	Luke 9:10-17; John 6:14-15
Feb. 14	John 6:25-40
Feb. 15	Luke 9:18-22; Matthew 16:13-20
Feb. 16	Luke 9:23-27; Mark 8:31-9:1
Feb. 17	2 Timothy 2:3-13

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