

*This Study Guide is based on a sermon by Dr. Joshua Mack. You will find the link to the sermon here.*

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## Luke 9:18-20

### Swahili

18 Siku moja Yesu alipokuwa akisali faraghani akiwa na wana funzi wake aliwauliza, “Watu husema mimi ni nani?” 19 Wakam wambia, “Watu husema wewe ni Yohana Mbatizaji, wengine husema ni Eliya na wengine husema wewe ni nabii wa kale aliyefufuka kutoka kwa wafu.”

20 Kisha akawauliza, “Ninyi je, mnasema mimi ni nani?” Petro akajibu, “Wewe ndiye Kristo wa Mungu.”

### Zulu

**18** Kwathi ekhuleka ngasesitha, abafundi babe naye; wababuza ethi: “Abantu bathi ngingubani na?”

**19** Baphendula bathi: “UJohane uMbhapathizi; kepha abanye bathi: Ngu-Eliya; abanye kodwa bathi: Kuvukile umprofethi othile wabadala.”

**20** Wayesethi kubo: “Nina-ke nithi ngingubani na?” UPetru waphendula wathi: “UnguKristu kaNkulunkulu.”

### Shona

18Rimwe zuva Jesu akati achinyengetera ari oga uye vadzidzi vake vakanga vanaye, akavabvunza akati, “Vanhu vazhinji vanoti ndini aniko?”

19Vakapindura vakati, “Vamwe vanoti Johani Mubhabhatidzi, vamwe vachiti Eria, uye vamwezve vachiti, mumwe wavaprofita vakare akamuka kuvakafa.”

20Akati kwavari, “Asi, ko, imi munoti ndini ani?”Petro akapindura akati, “Ndimi Kristu waMwari.”

## **Sermon Summary:**

The Bible is a book about how God is glorifying Himself by saving sinners and judging sin through Jesus.

Therefore, it is very important you know who Jesus is.

Unfortunately, all too often our ideas of Jesus come more from the world around us, than the do from the actual mouth of God. Therefore, we need to listen very carefully to this section in Luke where he helps us get an idea of who Jesus really is.

In verses 18-20, we see:

- 1. The world’s opinion of Jesus**
- 2. The disciples confession of Jesus**

And in order to understand the disciples confession of Jesus, we have to understand what Peter means when he says that Jesus is the Christ of God. What exactly is a Christ?

- The basic meaning
- The more specific reference
- The broader Biblical picture
- The three basic necessary categories for understanding the work of the Messiah
  - Prophet
  - Priest
  - King

### Questions:

1. On Sunday, we talked about the danger of reading the Bible selfishly. What do you think we meant by that? How do people read the Bible selfishly and what is the result of reading the Bible like that?
2. Read Luke 9:18-20 out loud. Can someone describe the context for this passage? What is happening in Jesus' life right before and what significant transition is taking place in his ministry at this point?
3. The most important question in the world is who is Jesus? Unfortunately this is a question that people often get wrong. What were some of the things people were saying in Jesus' day about Him according to this passage? What was right about their answer? What was wrong about it?
4. Why do you think the people in Jesus' day wouldn't acknowledge him for who He really was? What are some other passages in the gospel that might explain this? How does this same thing happen today? What are some inadequate ideas that people have about Jesus in our cultures?
5. Peter says Jesus is the Christ. How do we know that Peter got it right? (Hint, Matthew 16:17)
6. What does the Christ mean? What three offices was it used to describe in the Old Testament Scriptures? How does Jesus come to fulfill those offices as Messiah?
7. The Old Testament tells us a lot about what the Christ was to do and who He was to be. Let's just enjoy looking at how the Old Testament unfolds the story of the Christ by looking up the following Scriptures and briefly mentioning what new information it tells us about how God is going to rescue the world. (There are so many, you might have to pick and choose 😊)
 

Genesis 3:15  
 Genesis 12:3  
 Genesis 49:10  
 Numbers 24:17  
 Deuteronomy 18:18  
 1 Samuel 2:10  
 1 Samuel 2:35,36  
 1 Chronicles 17:8-14  
 Psalm 110  
 Hosea 3:4,5  
 Micah 5:1-4  
 Isaiah 9:1-7 (28:16;30:19—26;42:1-7;49:1-6;50:4-9;52:13-53:12;55:3-5;61:1-3;63:1-6)  
 Jeremiah 23:5,6  
 Ezekiel 37:21-28  
 Daniel 9:24-27  
 Zechariah 3:8-10;6:9-15;9:9-13;12:10-13:1
8. What is your response to reading through all these great promises about the coming Messiah?

