

Peter & a Disciple's Confession (4/14/24)

Main Verses: Luke 9:18-22

Key Verse: Luke 9:20

'Takeaway': Though he doesn't fully understand the truth, Peter is not afraid to speak the truth that all of us should embrace: Jesus is the Messiah of God.



Getting Started: Who do you say that Jesus is?

READ Luke 9:18-22 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, & thank him that we can know him as **King** of our lives. Ask him to help you to never be afraid to proclaim him as King of your life.

(Elementary) Talk to God, & thank him that we can know him as King of our lives because of Jesus' death & resurrection. Have you surrendered your life to him as your King? Have you felt the call to surrender to his loving leadership & purpose for your life? If so, you might want to pray in this way: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.