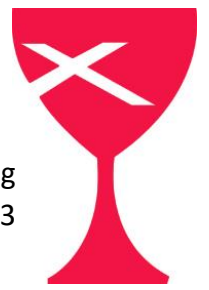


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Devotional Christian

Matthew 20:21-28

Today's gospel reading asks a profound question, asked by Jesus to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" This is a question that all followers of Jesus must answer – and not just once, but at various times in our life: Who do we say that Jesus is? For us, and for our world?

Every person on Earth believes something about God. But it can vary a great deal. Even Christians can believe different things about God. Not only that, but our understanding of God – our theology – can change over our lifetime. In fact, it should change, as we grow in our faith.

What we believe about God matters, more than anything else in life. And that's probably why Jesus initiated the conversation in today's gospel reading. Because Jesus knew that what the disciples thought of him would affect how they would live their lives going forward. Their theology – their understanding of God – mattered. It mattered then. And it matters now. So, Jesus sat the disciples down and had a theological conversation with them.

Let's think about this question. And answer it with all our heart, soul, and mind. It's a time for us to struggle with who we believe God is, and who we believe Jesus is. It is a time to wrestle with what we believe God is doing in our world today, and with what we are being called to do in our world today.



A SPECIAL Remembrance

Barbara Snyder made a special donation in memory of her mother's birthday. Mabel Postelwait would have celebrated her 110th birthday on August 20th. Mabel always had such wonderful things to say about our great church.

Giving in Review

As of July 31, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$177,117.49
Actual Expenses YTD	\$193,049.65
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$191,625.00



PRAY
for our
Students



Prayer

Dear Lord, help us find the answers we need to nourish and grow our faith in You.
Amen.