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Growing in our understanding of who Jesus is.

Mark 8 : 27 - 38

Background of the Gospel of Mark:

In the first 8 chapters of Mark, Jesus is introducing himself to the world. Jesus is performing miracles. His authority is seen in His teaching, in His power over demons, and in forgiving people's sins. He speaks of Himself as the Son of Man and proclaims that the Kingdom of God is near!

1. Who are you? What defines who you are? How would you describe yourself? How do you think others would describe you?
2. Jesus asks, who do people say that I am? (verse 27). Had people, including His disciples, really understood who He was?
3. What responses did He receive?
4. Put Peter's response in your own words. (Verse 29)
5. Why, do you think, that Jesus asked his disciples to keep the news to themselves? (verse 30).
6. In verse 31, Jesus tells the disciples that their idea of His mission was different to what they, and the Jews, wanted. What do you think was the difference.
7. Who is Jesus to you - prophet, healer, miracle worker, good person - or Saviour?
8. As Christians, is it possible that we could give non believers the wrong idea of who Jesus really is?

With 80 percent of Australians not believing in the Christian God, why is that so? Could it be that we are presenting Jesus to be everything, but not a Saviour?