

I. Who do we say that Jesus is?

\*Pictures of Caesarea Philippi

- A. Public opinion was he was a prophet from God
- B. The disciples believed he was the Christ
  - 1. Their confession of Christ brought blessing

“I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.” (John 8:24)

- 2. Their confidence was built as Jesus said he would build his church
- 3. Their fear was relieved when Jesus declared victory over evil

II. What kind of Christ is Jesus?

- A. He is the suffering Christ

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.” (Isaiah 53:3)

- B. He is the rejected Christ

“He came unto his own, but his own did not receive him.” (John 1:11)

- C. He is the sacrificial Christ

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” (John 1:29)

- D. He is the resurrected Christ

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is the devil.” (Hebrews 2:14)

III. How should followers of Christ live?

- A. We deny our selfish desires
- B. We identify with the cross of Christ
- C. We daily follow Christ
- D. We give our lives to Christ

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)

- E. We invest our lives in eternal things

F. We openly live for Jesus

“But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:33)