

The Prayers of Jesus

Jesus' Identity Revealed

Lesson 2

Who do you say that I am?

Continuing with the prayers of Jesus, we pick up the story with Jesus' second year of ministry. The opposition of the Jewish leadership was intensifying as His popularity among the common people increased. There was a lot of misunderstanding about Jesus' identity: who was He? Would His disciples also misunderstand? Before asking The Twelve the all-important question of His identity, Jesus again spent time in prayer.

Luke 9:18-20

¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying in private and His disciples were with Him, He asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" ¹⁹They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." ²⁰"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

1. Look at that text carefully. What do you notice about Jesus' time of prayer?

2. What stood out to you in this passage?

Jesus' Glory Revealed

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, He took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about His departure, which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to Him, "Master, it is good for us to be here."

Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

3. What stood out to you in this passage?
4. What have you seen in these passages about Jesus' time spent in prayer? (When did He pray, where did He pray, who was with Him, etc.)
5. What can you learn and apply from Jesus' time of prayer?