



1st Reading: Is 50:5-9a

Responsorial: Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: Jas 2:14-18

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Who do you say that I am?"

The question asked in today's gospel elicits more than just the correct answer, as Peter found out. After journeying with Jesus for some time now, seeing him perform miracles of healing, listening to him and learning from him, the question, "who do you say I am?" seemed to be testing the apostles' knowledge. Peter courageously gives the "right" answer, "You are the Christ!" In the reading, we can almost picture Peter being so proud of himself for knowing the answer, almost gleaming with delight. Peter was ready to declare Jesus as the one who will re-establish Israel's supremacy, bringing peace and justice. Peter was expecting greatness and great things as he spoke in terms of "Christ" to be the one who will lead a kingdom for Israel.

Peter had the right answer, but to his dismay Peter had the wrong meaning. Jesus defines that "Christ" was not going to wield power over people. Rather, those in power will wield suffering upon him and, he will die and then in three days, he will rise. This talk did not sit well for the disciples, especially for Peter who had just been so pleased with sharing his knowledge. In the gospel, it says that "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." At this, Jesus "turning and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men!"

That might sound like a harsh statement that Peter heard, especially after beaming with delight at the beginning of the reading. But what Mark was leading the reader to understand is that discipleship is not just "knowing" the answer, but to actually journey the path of discipleship which is not always easy, as Peter just realized. Even after this humiliation, Peter continued to follow Jesus.

Pope Francis explains that "in journeying with Jesus we learn who he is ... we come to know Jesus as we become disciples. We come to know him in the daily encounter with the Lord, each day, through our victories and through our weaknesses. It is precisely "through these encounters" that "we draw close to him and come to know him more deeply". ([Pope Francis, Morning Meditation In The Chapel Of The Domus Sanctae Marthae, vatican.va](#))

Jesus is asking us, "Who am I for you?" Do we know who Jesus as the savior from what we are taught, or do we know Jesus in our hearts truly as our Savior? Are we ready to continue the path of discipleship with Jesus?

[Vimeo.com](#) - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B (Word-Sunday.com)

[Theemnauseries.com](#) - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead.

-St. John Chrysostom
(Memorial Sept 13)



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September 11-September 18

September 14 Ways to Celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

- ❑ Pray the sign of the Cross.
- ❑ Display a cross prominently in your home. Have a cross in every room.
- ❑ Make a recipe with basil... legend says the true cross was found by St. Helena under a large growth of basil.
- ❑ Pray the St. Francis cross prayer: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."



DISCIPLES AT WORK

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
(James 2: 17)

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[blessedissh.net](#) - How to Live the Corporal Works of Mercy as a Family (Family Faith Builder)

[Catholicmom.com](#) - Sunday Gospel Activity Sheets (Kids Faith Builder)

[faithgateway.com](#) - A-Z Back to School Prayers - Free Printable (Parents Faith Builder)

[Catholicicing.com](#) - Celebrating The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross With Kids (Family Faith Builder)

[Formationreimagined.org](#) - How well do you know Ordinary Time? (All ages- short quiz game)

