

Who am I and Who Do you say I am?

1. Knowing who you are as a Leader
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Luke 22:66-71

⁶⁶ When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying, ⁶⁷ "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I ask a question, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰ And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." ⁷¹ Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Luke 23:1-5

¹ Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." ³ So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "It is as you say." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵ But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place."

Acts 9:3-5

³ As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; ⁴ and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus' Public Ministry

¹⁴ And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵ And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. ¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Mark 2:5-11

⁵ And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home."

Jesus knew who He was as a Leader. He knew His identity as a Leader. He knew His authority as a Leader. He knew His purpose and The purpose for His Leadership. He knew whose Leadership He was under as a follower. He knew how to lead Himself well.

If we are not confident in our own leadership, then others won't be confident in our leadership.

If we are unsure about ourselves, then others will also be unsure about us.

Being confident doesn't mean you are being arrogant. Being confident means you have a conviction of what you're confident in.

2. Others knowing who you are as a Leader and your purpose as a Leader

Matthew 16:13

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Q. Why does Jesus ask this question? Can He not remember who He is? Does He have a mild case of amnesia?

A. Jesus looks to see if the people actually know who He is, because He knows depending on how they see Him, this will determine whether they Receive Him, as He truly is.

A PROPHET HAS HONOUR EXCEPT WHERE? - His HOMETOWN, His own HOUSEHOLD, His own RELATIVES.

Q. WHY - why is it that Jesus, or a Prophet or one who is called by God to bring the Word of God, is honoured everywhere except by those who are relationally closest to that person?

A. Familiar, blind, fleshly spirit is operating.

Q. How do the disciples answer this question?

A. **Matthew 16:14**

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

Q. Are any of these answers correct?

Matthew 16:16-17

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Unless the Holy Spirit reveals the Father and the Father's Truth in and to us, we will more than likely find ourselves Resisting and even Rejecting God, and His Kingdom Truths, which make us Free.

THE REAL CHALLENGE: WHO DOES MAN SAY MAN IS TO ONE ANOTHER!

Your friend!

Your brother in Christ

Your fellow disciple

Your acquaintance

A Nobody

A pastor

An apostle

A spiritual father

A leader

Depending on how we SEE one another, will determine how and if we Receive from one another.

If we don't know the gift and the purpose for that gift on a fellow disciples life, then the likelihood of offence can be huge, if we are not walking and being led by the Holy Spirit.

Godly leaders need to be good followers and good followers need to allow themselves to be led by Godly leaders.