

## The Truth about Jesus (Luke 9:18-22)

### I. Men Have Many Opinions of Jesus (18-19)

#### A. Jesus asks who the crowd thinks He is (18)

1. This is the question that matters most
2. "Experience" matters little
3. "I prayed and Jesus helped me"

#### B. The Crowd had Many Opinions (19)

1. The crowd had seen the miracles
2. They ate the loaves and fishes
3. It was undeniable
  - a. Today, it is the same thing
  - b. Glory of Creation shows him
  - c. Law written on hearts
  - d. Lives changed

### II. Men Must Acknowledge Jesus As Christ (20)

#### A. Jesus makes the question personal

- a. What do "you" say?
- b. Majority doesn't rule
- c. Stand alone at judgment

#### B. Peter answers correctly

- a. "The Messiah of God"
- b. OT Revelation – God and Man
- c. The one in Isa. 53

### III. Men Must Acknowledge the Work of Christ (21-22)

#### A. Jesus Forbade the disciples from revealing his identity (21)

- a. Why would he do this?
- b. Without Faith in His Work – His deity is not the gospel
  - i. Jesus had not yet gone to the cross
  - ii. Jesus had not yet finished his work
  - iii. Jesus was not the overlord Messiah they wanted
  - iv. Jesus and the Gospel must be proclaimed

#### B. Jesus Had Not Yet Completed His Mission (21-22)

- a. For Salvation, Christ must suffer and die
  - i. Must be rejected
  - ii. Must be killed
- b. For Salvation, Christ must be raised from the dead
  - i. This is the Gospel
  - ii. Running around saying "Jesus" does little without the cross