

## Authority Comes From Identity

Mark 8:22-30

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### I. A gradual healing. Mark 8:22-26

With both healings, acquaintances \_\_\_\_\_ these men to Jesus.

- With both healings, Jesus took the men \_\_\_\_\_ from the crowds.

*"Perhaps it was the atmosphere of \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethsaida that hindered Him, or it may have been the spiritual condition of the man himself."* (Warren Wiersbe)

- Jesus did not want people focusing on the miracles; rather, Jesus wanted the people to focus on His real \_\_\_\_\_: He came to die on the cross and provide forgiveness of sin for the people.

### II. Who is Jesus? Mark 8:27-28

Many believe this was a purposeful move by Jesus to stop in an area that worshiped false gods and to ask the Disciples a question that determines someone's \_\_\_\_\_ destination.

- *"They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was \_\_\_\_\_. Accordingly, he was thought to be the Messiah."* (Flavius Josephus)

Some believed Jesus was John the Baptist, who was beheaded by Herod, who they also believed was back from the \_\_\_\_\_ performing all of these signs and wonders. **Malachi 4:5-6**

### III. What say you? Mark 8:29-30

Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, and the question your eternity hinges on is what Jesus asked, **"Who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that I am?"**

- *"You must make a \_\_\_\_\_. Either this Man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse."* (C.S. Lewis)

**"Christ"** in Greek is the word **"Christos"** which means "\_\_\_\_\_ ", the Holy Messiah, the promised deliverer, God the Son.

### IV. Practical Application.

1. We have the right to be \_\_\_\_\_ and become His Children.

**John 1:12**

2. We can approach the Holy throne of God for our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We have authority to go to \_\_\_\_\_ to be with Jesus.
4. We have the right to be clothed with armor, in order to be \_\_\_\_\_ during spiritual warfare.
5. We have authority to rightly \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.
6. We have authority to be \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.

## Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read **Mark 8:22-26**. Discuss the similarities of this miracle compared to the miracle in **Mark 7** of the deaf man. Discuss why Jesus gradually healed this man instead of healing him right away.
2. Discuss the issue with the city of Bethsaida.  
**Matthew 13:58, Luke 9:10-17, Luke 10:13, John 1:44-45, John 12:21**
3. Read **Mark 8:27-28**. Discuss the significance of Caesarea Philippi within this narrative. *Why did Jesus want to know who different people thought He was?*  
**Malachi 4:5-6, Matthew 16:13-18, Luke 19:10, 1 Corinthians 1:27-29**
4. Read **Mark 8:29-30**. Discuss the famous Liar, Lunatic, Lord statement from C.S. Lewis. *What does the word "Christ" mean within the Koine Greek language?*  
**Genesis 3:15, Psalm 16, Psalm 22, Psalm 45, Psalm 110, Isaiah 61:1-3, Daniel 9, Luke 1:31, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
5. Discuss the 6 privileges a Christian has because of Jesus' authority, mentioned within the practical application of the sermon.  
**John 1:11-12, John 14:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21, Ephesians 6:10-12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:16**