

**INTRODUCTION:** How would you answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" Your correct response to that question should result in three radical changes in your life as we will discover in today's passage.

I. The Question Asked (Luke 9:18-21)

Luke 9:18 "And it came about that while He [Jesus] was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, 'Who do the multitudes say that I am?"

Luke 9:19 "And they answered and said, 'John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

Luke 9:20 "And He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Peter answered and said, 'The Christ of God."

Matthew 16:17-18 "<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and 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. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it."

Luke 9:21 "But He warned them, and instructed them not to tell this to anyone,"

II. The Prophecy Made (Luke 9:22)

Luke 9:22 "saying, 'The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 "<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,"





III. A Challenge Issued (Luke 9:23)

Luke 9:23 And He [Jesus] was saying to them all, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

- A. The **Audience**
- B. The **Commands** 
  - 1. **Surrender**: "Deny himself"
  - 2. **Sacrifice**: "Take up His cross daily"
  - 3. **Obedience**: "Follow Me"
- IV. A Warning and A Promise Offered (Luke 9:24-26)

Luke 9:24 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it."

Luke 9:25-26 "25 'For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."