

# The Unexpected Christ

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<sup>10</sup>On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.

<sup>12</sup>Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place."

<sup>13</sup>But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup>For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." <sup>15</sup>And they did so, and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

<sup>18</sup>Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" <sup>19</sup>And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of

the prophets of old has risen.”<sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

<sup>21</sup> And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,<sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” (ESV)

## ***Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions***

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**Open:** Share about a time when a plan you had was unexpectedly interrupted.

**Read & Discuss:** Luke 9:10-22

1. In verses 10-11, Jesus takes His disciples away for some much-needed rest, but they are quickly interrupted by the crowds. What does Jesus' response to this interruption tell us about His heart and priorities? What's a godly response to having our plans (even if they're good) interrupted?
2. Based on their perception of what was reasonable given their situation, the disciples suggest sending the crowd away (vv. 12-13). How does Jesus's command, “You give them something to eat,” challenge their logic and assumptions? What does Jesus want His disciples to understand and believe? How might this apply to any overwhelming situations you've found yourself in?
3. Though we're always called to walk in faith, the particular step of faith these disciples were asked to take was initiated by Jesus (vv. 13-14). How can we grow in our ability to discern God's will for us so that we're not simply asking Him to bless our own personal whims? What do we need to do to make sure we don't miss out on an opportunity to step out in faith when Jesus might be calling us to do this?
4. In verses 18-20, Jesus asks two crucial questions about His identity. What do the different answers from the crowd (v. 19) tell us about how people often perceived Jesus? What is significant about Peter's confession in verse 20?
5. Immediately after Peter's confession, Jesus reveals something unexpected about His future (v. 22). How might this revelation have challenged the disciples' expectations of what the Messiah would be like and what His mission would entail? What are ways people today (including believers) might get it wrong when it comes to how they think about Jesus' purpose and priorities?
6. As you look over this passage, how would you summarize the lessons Jesus wanted His disciples to know about who He is, what He values, and what He can do? Which of these lessons feel especially relevant to your life right now?

**Apply:** Considering everything we've discussed, what does it mean for you personally to follow “The Unexpected Christ” this week? What might that look like in a practical way?

**Pray:** Pray that we would have our views of Christ—His character, values, power, and ways—corrected by Scripture so that they better align with the true nature of Christ. Pray we would walk closely with Him, full of faith and in line with His purpose and priorities for the world.