

# The Questions God Asks

## Part 4

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### Who Do You Say I am?

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” <sup>15</sup> Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

**Matthew 16:13-16 NLT**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. <sup>18</sup> Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

**Matthew 16:17-19 NLT**





<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. <sup>26</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

**Matthew 16:24-26 NLT**

*“A whole new kind of “Christian” has come up believing that it is possible to accept Christ without forsaking the World.”*

*-A. W. Tozer*

*“Most people want Jesus to be a consultant rather than a King, and He does not come that way.”*

*-Tim Keller*

## **Do You Believe?**

*“You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you.”*

*-C. S. Lewis*

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>28</sup> When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to

him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. <sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; <sup>30</sup> and their sight was restored.

**Matthew 9:27-30 NIV**

<sup>14</sup> When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him. <sup>16</sup> “What is all this arguing about?” Jesus asked. <sup>17</sup> One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won’t let him talk. <sup>18</sup> And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn’t do it.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, “You faithless people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” <sup>20</sup> So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father.

**Mark 9:14-21 NLT**

He replied, “Since he was a little boy. <sup>22</sup> The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.” <sup>23</sup> “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” <sup>24</sup> The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

**Mark 9:21-24 NLT**

<sup>19-20</sup> Jesus said, “What a generation! No sense of God! How many times do I have to go over these things? How much longer do I have to put up with this? Bring the boy here.” They brought him. When the demon saw Jesus, it threw the boy into a seizure, causing him to writhe on the ground and foam at the mouth. <sup>21-22</sup> He asked the boy’s father, “How long has this been going on?” “Ever since he was a little boy. Many times it pitches him into fire or the river to do away with him. If you can do anything, do it. Have a heart and help us!” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said, “If? There are no ‘ifs’ among believers. Anything can happen.” <sup>24</sup> No sooner were the words out of his mouth than the father cried, “Then I believe. Help me with my doubts.

**Mark 9:20-24 MSG**

*“Our first place of victory [over fear] is in believing the truth concerning our relationship with God. Paul tells us that, “having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:1). We reject the lie that insists God is our enemy. We come to believe He is our Helper in the healing of our souls!”*

*-Francis Frangipane*