



WEEK 22 | NICK CARNES

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“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” “Who do you say that I am?”

Matthew 16:13-14 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Matthew 16:15-17 “But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?”
¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
¹⁷ Jesus responded, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 16:21-23 From then on Jesus began to point out to his disciples that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, “Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned and told Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me because you’re not thinking about God’s concerns but human concerns.”

John 14:6-7 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Acts 4:11-12 This Jesus is the stone rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

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This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" [Matthew 16:15]. Why do you think this is the most important question a person can answer? How would you answer it, and what has most shaped your understanding of Jesus?
3. The sermon described how people throughout history have "reshaped" Jesus to fit their own expectations, feelings, or agendas. What are some cultural influences today that tempt Christians to redefine Jesus instead of submitting to the Jesus revealed in Scripture?
4. Peter correctly identified Jesus as the Messiah, yet later rebuked Him because he didn't like God's plan. Can you think of a time when you struggled with something Jesus taught or with God's plan for your life? What helped—or could help—you submit your desires to His?
5. The sermon contrasted God's revelation with human feelings and opinions. How can we distinguish between following our emotions and following God's Word? What practical habits help keep Scripture, rather than culture or feelings, as our authority?
6. Read John 14:6 and Acts 4:11–12 together. Why is it essential that we believe in the real Jesus revealed in Scripture rather than a version we've imagined? How would you lovingly explain this truth to someone who believes that all religions lead to God?
7. If Jesus truly is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, what areas of your life should reflect that reality more fully? Is there an attitude, relationship, habit, or priority where you need to stop asking Jesus to fit your plans and instead surrender to His?