

## Luke 9:18-22

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### Getting there, by little steps. Luke 9:18-22

Praying gets me thinking. 18a "While praying"  
Thinking gets me wondering. 18b "He questioned..."  
Wondering gets me asking. 18b-19 "Who do people say..."  
Asking gets me answers. 20 "Peter replied..."  
Answers gets me boundaries. 21 "not tell"  
Boundaries gets me going. 22 "must... must... must..."

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### Am I getting it right, or am I getting it wrong? Luke 9:18-22

Asking the right questions. 18 "He questioned"  
Getting the wrong answers. 19 "Some say"  
Asking the better question. 20a "But who do you say"  
Getting the better answer. 20b "replied"  
Giving the 'wrong' response. 21 "not to tell"  
Giving the right response. 22 "killed... and raised"

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### Two question quiz. Luke 9:18-22

Question 1. What do other people say? 18-19  
Different people. Different opinions.  
One answer. Many facets. (Human opinion is irrelevant. Only God's Truth matters)

Question 2. What do you say? 20  
My answer. My insights. (Truth I discover is more exciting than Truth I'm told)

My answer. My stand. (Only when I believe it, will I stand for it, and speak for it.)

Bonus question. What does this mean? 21-22

Knowing via discovery. (God's Truth is not imposed. We are invited to seek it)

Knowing via learning. (Knowing who Jesus is, is followed by learning what He does.)

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### **Crazy ideas. Luke 9:18-22**

Best crazy ideas.

Crazy ideas let me view different perspectives.

Crazy ideas let me explore different possibilities.

Crazy ideas let me generate different potentials.

Some crazy ideas.

Can't distinguish. 19a "John the Baptist"

Can't discern. 19b "Elijah"

Can't decide. 19c "a prophet"

God's crazy ideas.

Allow people to seek and to discover for themselves. 21 "not tell"

God pays all my cosmic penalties. 22a "suffer... rejected... killed"

Nothing can stop God's plans. 22b "raised to life"

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### **It started with prayer, but look where it went! Luke 9:18-22**

Prayer is the place to start. 18

Praying is a practice. 18a "praying" (not 'a prayer')

Praying is personal. 18a "in private"

Prayer leads to questions about the world. 18-19

What is beyond this space? (physical + spiritual)

What is beyond this time? (temporal + eternal)

Prayer leads to questions about faith. 20

Jesus asks personal questions. "who do you say I am?"

Jesus asks for practical answers. "The Christ of God"

Prayer leads to questions about God. 21-22

How do I know what I know? 21 (learn, not just be told)

Now I know what I need to know. 22 "killed... raised"

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### **Do I know as much as I think I know? Luke 9:18-22**

Knowledge declared may be only ignorance declared. 18-19 "some say"  
Facts are easily displaced by opinion (Romans 1:22 "claimed to be wise")  
Fallacy is frequently declared as true (Romans 1:21 "became futile")

Knowledge declared may be information discovered. 20 "Christ of God"  
Truth must conform to facts. (experimental truth - objective)  
Truth must conform to Scripture. (eternal Truth - external)

Knowledge declared may be only information disguised. 21 "not tell"  
Learning by repetition is beneficial.  
Learning by realisation is better.

Knowledge declared must be information disclosed. 22 "killed... raised"  
God's plans unfold gradually.  
God's plans unfold graciously.

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### **You don't get the end of the story on page 1. Luke 9:18-22**

I first need to know who Jesus is. 18-20  
It's easy to be wrong about Jesus. 18-19 "Some say..."  
It's easy to be right about Jesus. 20 "The Christ of God"

Then I know why Jesus matters. 21-22  
It's easy to know why Jesus must die. "must be killed"  
It's easy to know why Jesus must rise. "and be raised"

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### **The truth. The whole truth. And, nothing but the truth. Luke 9:18-22**

I can be almost correct. 9:18-19  
Jesus is a wise teacher-leader. 19a "John"  
Jesus is prophecy fulfilled. 19b "Elijah"  
Jesus is God's messenger. 19c "prophet"

I can be absolutely correct. 9:20  
Jesus is unique in His person. "The"  
Jesus is unique in His role. "Christ"  
Jesus is unique in His position. "of God"

I can be absolutely confused. 9:21-22  
Begin with a period of silence. 21 "not tell"  
Focus on the purpose of the crucifixion. 22a "killed"

Triumph with the power of resurrection. 22b “raised”

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### **Cancel boring prayers. Luke 9:18-22**

Make your prayer time interactive. 9:18

Talk to God. 18a “praying in private”

Talk to people. 18b “questioned them”

Make your prayer time instructive. 9:19-20

Filter out everything wrong. 19 “some say”

Focus in on the what is true. 20 “Christ”

Make your prayer time inspirational. 9:21-22

Who Jesus is needs personal commitment. 21 “don’t tell”

What Jesus does needs personal commitment. 22 “killed... raised”

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### **There is always another mountain to climb. Luke 9:18-22**

Prayer leads to questions. 18 “praying”

Questions leads to opinions. 19 “some say”

Opinions leads to answers. 20 “But who do you...”

Answers leads to boundaries. 21 “not to tell”

Boundaries leads to actions. 22 “must be... and... and...”

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### **Other possible titles**

Look in the mirror.

Who am I? Who are you?

The Jesus I never knew.

Who’s right?

A funny thing happened while I was praying!

I was just wondering...

Theologians call this, ‘Progressive Revelation’.

Only my opinion matters.

‘Who I am’ becomes ‘What I do’.

‘Wrong’ can be the pathway to ‘Correct’.

When everyone around me is wrong.

Finding Truth in a cesspit of error.

Lightbulb moments.

Never mind what others think. Get it right!

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## Music and songs

Songs based on this text.

Who is this who has life to give? ...Lifegiver. (Owens)

Songs about who Jesus is. 20 "Who do you say I am"

Consider Christ. Ot 2

Emmanuel. SiS 238

I stand amazed (My Saviour's love). CH 378

Isn't He. SiS 565

Jesus is the answer. Ot 82

Jesus Name above all names. SiS 226

Jesus, what a beautiful name. 777

King of Kings. SiS 409

Majesty. SiS 206

Shine Jesus shine. 580

You are the Lord (M W Smith). Ot 79

Songs about secrets / telling. v21 "not to tell"

Everybody ought to know. HCJ 43

I cannot tell... but this I know. H 185

I don't know about tomorrow.

I know not why God's wondrous grace. H 651

Who is on the Lord's side.

Tell the world. FE 61

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## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. When you need to make a decision, what steps do you take to ensure the decision you make is a smart one?
  2. Why is it important to be right about who Jesus is? How does John 14:6 and Act 4:12 give us confidence that we are correct?
  3. Re-read John 14:6 and Acts 4:12. What challenge does this bring to non-Christian religions? Should this be an embarrassment to us?
  4. Imagine a parent telling his child the answers to his homework. Why is this not a helpful practice? Why is it better to help someone discover Jesus, rather than just tell who He is? How would you do this?
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Matthew 16:13-21	Mark 8:27-32a	Luke 9:18-22	John x:x-x
<p><sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi,</p> <p>He questioned His disciples: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"</p> <p><sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."</p> <p><sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"</p> <p><sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."</p> <p><sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> Then Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.</p> <p>On the way, He questioned His disciples: "Who do people say I am?"</p> <p><sup>28</sup> They answered, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say You are one of the prophets."</p> <p><sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"</p> <p>Peter answered, "You are the Christ."</p>	<p><sup>18</sup> One day as Jesus was praying in private and the disciples were with Him, He questioned them: "Who do the people say I am?"</p> <p><sup>19</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that a prophet of old has arisen."</p> <p><sup>20</sup> "But who do you say I am?" He asked.</p> <p>Peter replied, "The Christ of God."</p>	

<p>Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”</p> <p><sup>20</sup> Then He admonished the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ</p> <p><sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.</p>	<p><sup>30</sup> And Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about Him.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> Then He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke this message quite frankly...</p>	<p><sup>21</sup> Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> “The Son of Man must suffer many things,” He said. “He must be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”</p>	
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