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Who Do You Say I Am

By Vince Dorazio

The synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all record the account when Jesus confronts His disciples with two direct questions concerning Himself. (see Matt 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20) But it is in Matthew's Gospel where we read of a more detailed account of the event.

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of*

Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.*

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I

will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah. (Matt 16:13-20)

Son Of Man

It is only in Matthew's Gospel where we hear that Jesus refers to Himself as the "**Son Of Man**". Matthew knew that the

Israelites were aware of that phrase from the Prophet Daniel. It was understood to mean "of a future 'end times' person whose coming will signal the end of history and the time of God's judgment; or a Messiah. (see Daniel 7) The Son Of Man is referred to as both human and divine.

This was the first time that Jesus reveals Himself to be the Messiah when He confronts the disciples with the question "*Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?*" In reply, the disciples give Him several answers.

Then Jesus asks the disciples a second question, "*But, who do you say that I am?*" Now there is silence from the disciples except from Peter who says, "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*"

The second question is more important than the first question. It is as if Jesus is saying 'O.K. I know what people are saying about me, but what about you?' "What am I to you?"

This is a question that every one of us has to

as Peter, "You are the Christ, The Redeemer, the Son of the Living God, the Messiah!" But notice shortly afterwards, Peter rebuked Jesus when Jesus said He would have to suffer and be killed. Peter denied this as if to say, "*you are the Christ! Nothing can harm you. Conquer it and let's move on!*"

"But, who am I to you?"

But Pope Francis says what we have learned and studied in the Catechism is not enough. He goes on to say, "*For in order to know him truly, "we need to travel the path that Peter traveled". Indeed, "after this humiliation, Peter continued on with Jesus, he saw the miracles that Jesus worked, he saw his power. Then he paid the taxes, as Jesus had told him, he caught the fish and took the coin from its mouth: he saw so many miracles of this kind!"*

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

We in the Charismatic Renewal have a golden

heard and what we have seen.

The reasons of Jesus' crucifixion were not clear to Peter and the disciples, and did not make any sense to them, not until the Day of Pentecost, when the disciples received the baptism of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

It was the Holy Spirit who revealed who Jesus really is to them. And at that very moment it was clear as to what they were to do and say. They immediately went out into the streets and began telling everyone that Jesus is the Messiah and began baptizing people in the Holy Spirit.

The question remains for you. "*But who do you say that I am?*" Or to say it in another way "*Who am I to you?*"

The primary purpose of this newsletter is to proclaim that Jesus Is Lord!

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answer personally and verbally. **WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

Today, we can answer that question in the same way

opportunity to answer that question in a more visible way by following the examples set forth by the disciples; namely by telling others of what we have

† † NOTICE † †

Twin City Area Wide
**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
PRAISE & WORSHIP
GATHERING**

**Thursday, 7:30 PM
September 24, 2015**

**St. Albert's Catholic Church
3200 East 29 St. Mpls
(Enter 32 Ave side door)
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CUT AND SAVE

IMPORTANT GATHERING FOR ALL

Make Disciples Of All People

Are you a Christian Disciple? If so, what are you doing about it? Join us in an open and frank discussion how we in the Charismatic Renewal can lead others to a personal renewal with Jesus Christ and live a New Life in the Holy Spirit!

- Come share your thoughts and comments
- Open discussion on evangelizing, witnessing and testimony
- Pope Francis' exhortation, "*The Joy Of The Gospels*"
- Refreshments and Light Lunch
- FREE ADMISSION

Please RSVP by Sept 22, 2015

**SATURDAY SEPT 26, 2015
9:30 AM TO NOON**

**St. Albert's Catholic Church
3200 East 29 St. Mpls
Social Hall
(Enter 32 Ave side door)
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PURPOSE AND SCOPE

St. Luke tells us that when the Christians came together as one body and one spirit the Lord added to their numbers daily (ACTS 2:46-47)

Everyone is invited to attend this gathering and discussion



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May our God continue to bless you abundantly with
His New Life!*

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