

THE QUESTIONS OF JESUS

JESUS' IDENTITY

WEEK 2

5. Do you believe in the son of God? John 9:35 (NKJV)

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Reflections:

Jesus had healed a blind man on the Sabbath and the Pharisees were trying to discredit him. They believed that Jesus and the blind man had faked the miracle. After they questioned the blind man, they banished him from the synagogue. Then Jesus did a wonderful thing. He went to look for the man and when he found him, he asked him the question, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" The man asked who was he and Jesus said that he was talking to him. The man said, "Lord, I believe."

I had to answer that question when I was nine years old in a little church in south Louisiana. I made a profession of faith at the age of nine. At the time, I didn't know all of the theological "right" answers. I simply responded in childlike faith, "Yes, I believe." I answered just like the blind man. This perhaps is the most profound question that Jesus ever asked and it's probably the most important question that any of us can ever answer.

Jesus came into the world to give sight to those who were spiritually blind. The Message by Eugene Petersen states it this way in John 9:37, Jesus then said, "I came into the world to bring everything into the clear light of day, making all the distinctions clear, so that those who have never seen will see, and those who have made a great pretense of seeing will be exposed as blind." Sometimes we, like the Pharisees, have allowed our blindness of pride and conceit get in the way of seeing how God wants us to see.

Questions to Ponder:

- How have you answered the question that Jesus asked the blind man?
- Are you afraid to ask someone this question, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"
- What does God want you to see about yourself?

Prayer

Lord, help my unbelief. Help me believe in You, even though I have many doubts and questions. Help me, Lord to clearly see what you want me to see.