**Sermon Guide – July 12, 2020**

# Mark 8:27-35 New Living Translation (NLT)

### Peter’s Declaration about Jesus

**27**Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

**28**“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.”

**29**Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Peter replied, “You are the Messiah.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+8%3A27-35&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24502a)]”

**30**But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

### Jesus Predicts His Death

**31**Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+8%3A27-35&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24504b)] must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. **32**As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+8%3A27-35&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24505c)]

**33**Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

**34**Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. **35**If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

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The title of this worship series is “Risky Business.” Where do you see risk and risk-taking in this passage of scripture?

Why do you think the disciples couldn’t understand what Jesus was talking about when he predicted his death?

What does it mean to you to “take up your cross?”

Who do you say Jesus is?

What difference does that make to you in your life?

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If someone asked you to explain the above scripture to them, what would you say?