

**"GOD IS, WHO GOD IS!" – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ISAIAH 50:4-9A; JAMES 3:1-12; MARK 8:27-38**

**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Life can be very demanding. Do you ever find yourself wearing too many `hats'? Do you find yourself doing so much you can get confused as to who you are? The world asks a lot of us. Between family, work, extended family, community, and individual interests; we may find ourselves doing so many things we might not be sure which `hat' to wear, when. When it comes to your spiritual walk, what `hats' do you feel you wear the most, best? Disciple? Evangelist? Prayer warrior? Teacher? Follower? Leader? Sinner? Believer? Child of God? Today in Mark's gospel, we hear Jesus asking, "Who do people say that I am?" "Who do you say that I am?" `What `hat' do others and you think I wear?' Peter gives the all inclusive answer, "You are the Messiah!" Peter being Peter, Peter being human, then tries to tell Jesus what hat to wear next. No one tells God what to do, what hat to wear. Celebrate and proclaim anew all God is in Jesus, the One who forever is exactly who he is: The Messiah!**

1. We all wear different hats, day to day, in our spiritual walks as well.
  - A. We have many hats to wear. Sometimes we can get confused about which hat to wear.
  - B. What hats do you wear as a follower of Jesus?
    - i. Which ones are easy to wear? Mark 8:29
    - ii. Which ones are difficult to wear?  
Isaiah 50:5; Mark 8:29, 32-33
  
2. Who do you say Jesus is? What do his hats look like?
  - A. What do you think the "Messiah" hat looks like? Mark 8:29
    - i. At its most basic definition, "Messiah" means "anointed," to be what God promised.
    - ii. If you need Jesus to wear a more clearly defined hat, try thinking about `Messiah' in this way:
      - a. Master - The Lord of your life, means **The Lord** of your life.  
Mark 8:30,33
      - b. Emphatic One - What Jesus says, goes!  
Isaiah 50:4; Mark 8:33

- c. Servant - Jesus leads by example.  
Isaiah 50:7,9; Mark 8:34
- d. Savior - Jesus changes us, saves us.  
Isaiah 50:7-8; Mark 8:30,37
- e. Incarnate One - God in the flesh comes into our midst.  
Mark 8:31,38
- f. Advocate - Jesus is on our side, fights for us. Isaiah 50:8
- h. Hope - The Messiah is a sure thing; we have hope for today, tomorrow, in the midst of whatever we face, to restore our lives and souls, and hope for a new life.  
Isaiah 50:9; Mark 8:31

B. God in Jesus is who he is, whether we acknowledge him, or trust him, or call on him. God in Jesus cannot be over extended, or confused, tired; The Messiah is faithful! Mark 8:33

3. Let us confess like Peter, and celebrate all God is, in Jesus Christ; who is now and will be forever The Messiah! Isaiah 50:4; Mark 8:29

- A. Trust the Messiah knows which hat to wear, when!
- B. Trust Jesus does not mind how many hats we ask him to wear!
- C. Trust God is who God is! The Messiah is who The Messiah is!