

Lesson 1 - The conversation at Caesarea Philippi

Starter: Give TWO reasons why Christians might find it difficult to believe the miracle stories recorded by Mark. [2 marks]

- 1.
- 2.

Key term: Passion prediction

A passage in Mark's Gospel where Jesus explains that He will suffer and die.

Conversation

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Read the story above and answer the questions below.

1. Which town were Jesus and the disciples near?
2. Who did people think Jesus was?
3. Who did Peter say Jesus was?
4. Jesus taught them that the Son of Man must be rejected. By whom?
5. What would happen three days after he is put to death?
6. Who rebuked him for saying this?
7. What did Jesus say to him?
8. Jesus told the crowd that anyone who wants to follow him must – what?

Explain why the conversation at Caesarea Philippi is important in Mark's Gospel?

The conversation at Caesarea Philippi is important in Mark's Gospel because...