

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. One reason Christians might find it difficult to believe the miracles stories recorded by Mark is...
2. The second reason why Christians might find it difficult to believe the miracles stories recorded by Mark is...

Key term: Passion prediction

A passage in Marks' 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?

The town Jesus and the disciples were near is called...

2. Who did people think Jesus was?

People thought Jesus was...

3. Who did Peter say Jesus was?

Peter thought Jesus was...

4. Jesus taught them that the Son of Man must be rejected. By whom?

The Son of Man will be rejected by...

5. What would happen three days after he is put to death?

Three days after his death...

6. Who rebuked him for saying this?

The person who rebuked Jesus was...

7. What did Jesus say to him?

Jesus' reply was...

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...