



## **The Real Jesus     Luke 9:18-27**

### **Something to Start Us Off**

- Last week we read a story in which Herod was wondering about Jesus. Let's read that again in 9:7-9. What ideas about Jesus were floating around at that time?

### **Something to Notice**

- How did the disciples answer Jesus' question in vv.18-19?
- What did Jesus tell them about his future in v.21?
- What requirements did he place upon true discipleship?

### **Something to Understand**

9:22    *Son of Man*     This was Christ's favorite name for himself. Read Daniel 7:13-14 to grasp the full meaning of this term as Jesus applied it to himself.

9:27    Skeptics have sometimes pointed to this verse as problematic since Jesus has yet to return. Others have noticed that in the next story about the Transfiguration, a few of his disciples were given a preview of Christ in his glory – a sneak peek at the kingdom of God.

- Who do people say that Jesus is today? What opinions have you heard?
- What do you think it would have been like for the disciples to hear Jesus speak of his upcoming death and resurrection?
- Take a good look at Christ's description of true discipleship. In what ways can we live up to this high calling? In other words, what would discipleship look like for us today?

### **Something to Take Home**

- How would you connect Christ's true identity with the demands he makes on us as his disciples?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 9:18-27 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?