

“Who do you say that I am” in synoptic comparison

(unique elements in each gospel in **bold**; Mark elements omitted from Luke underlined)

MARK 8.27-9.1

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?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. **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. **He said all this quite openly.** And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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." **He called the crowd with his disciples,** and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, **and for the sake of the gospel,** will save it. **For what will** it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words **in this adulterous and sinful generation,** of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God **has come with power.**"

LUKE 9.18-27

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do **the crowds** say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the **ancient** prophets has arisen." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah **of God.**" He sternly ordered **and commanded** them not to tell anyone, saying, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Then he said **to them all,** "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What **does** it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit **themselves**? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of **the** Father and of the holy angels. *But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.*"

MATTHEW 16.13-28

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that **the Son of Man** is?" And they said, "**Some say** John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others **Jeremiah** or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, **the Son of the living God.**" **And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."** Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone **that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem** and undergo great suffering **at the hands of** the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "**God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.**" But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! **You are a stumbling block to me;** for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **Then Jesus told his disciples,** "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and **then he will repay everyone for what has been done.** Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see **the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**"