

**Sermon outline notes: Mark 8 v 27– 9v1**  
**What People think of Jesus.**

**Introduction**

What is the reason for the strange extremes of opinions about the person of Jesus? Why is it that many never seem to see in Jesus what Christians do?

- (1) Some people may not see what Christians see simply because they fail to recognise who Jesus really is vv 27-29.
  - There is a 'gestalt' quality about recognising Jesus.
  - Recognition comes as a gift, something revealed, sometimes very suddenly.
  - In Matthew's gospel Jesus declares to Peter 'This was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.'
- 2) Some people are not satisfied with the mission they discover Jesus to have had. They want a different mission vv 30-32.
  - These verses are the turning point in Mark's Gospel.
  - The Son of Man must suffer. Jesus was a suffering Messiah– dying on the cross to achieve forgiveness , to open the way to a holy God.
- 3) Some people are not prepared for the cost of following him. vv 34-35.
  - Real Christianity is not safe and comfortable, it involves self denial, sacrifice, cost.
  - Note the challenge is directed to the crowd. v 34. There is a universality implied in these words.
  - Jesus has no interest at all in 'cautious investors'. However much you have sacrificed, the person who kept his soul has got a good bargain! vv36-37

**'Service not Included'  
at Costa Coffee**

**June 7th at 6pm.**

**Bring a 'non-churched' friend  
to this event.**

**Hosted by: Mark Misselbrook**  
**Music by : Ley Adewole & David White**

**Conversation with Charles Blizzard on the  
theme of 'Jesus– One option among many?'**

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7pm.**

