

“Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 8:1-8:30

*And Jesus went out, along with His disciples,
to the villages of Caesarea Philippi;
and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them,
“Who do people say that I am?”*

*And they told Him, saying, “John the Baptist;
and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.”*

*And He continued by questioning them,
“But who do you say that I am?”*

Peter answered and said to Him, “Thou art the Christ.”

And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

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The Words

Sign - σημεῖον - miraculous sign, miracle; sign, that by which something is known or distinguished, indication, mark, signal; portent, warning sign (1) basically, that which serves as a pointer to aid perception or insight: *sign, mark, distinguishing characteristic*; (2) as what distinguishes one person or thing from another: *sign, token, mark* (Luke 2:12; Romans 4:11); (3) as a miraculous event contrary to the usual course of nature and intended as a pointer or means of confirmation, often used with τέρας (*wonder*) (Mark 13:22); as a miraculous event resulting from personal action: *sign, miracle* (John 2:11; Revelation 13:13).

Heaven - οὐρανός - heaven, sky (1) the atmosphere directly above the earth: *sky, air, firmament* (Matthew 6:26; Luke 17:24); (2) as the starry heaven: *firmament, sky* (Matthew 24:29a); (3) as the dwelling place of God (Matthew 5:16), the angels (Matthew 22:30) and the righteous dead (2 Corinthians 5:1, 2) *heaven*; (4) by metonymy, as synonymous with God or the inhabitants of heaven (Luke 15:18; Revelation 12:12).

Leaven - ζύμη - leaven (1) literally a small amount of dough kept over to start a new batch of bread dough: *yeast, leaven* (Matthew 13:33); used proverbially to demonstrate great effect from little causes (Galatians 5:9); (2) metaphorically (a) as corruption of thinking and conduct, identified as hypocrisy (Luke 12:1); (b) identified as teachings based on unspiritual value systems (Matthew 16:12); (c) as sin within a believing community, identified as wicked ways (1 Corinthians 5:8).

Hardened - πωρόω - harden (1) literally: *harden, petrify*; as a medical term: *cover with a thick skin or callous*; of body organs: *thicken*; (2) only figuratively in the New Testament (a) actively of judicial hardening as a consequence of refusing to listen to God: *cause to have a closed mind* (John 12:40); (b) passively of the self-hardening of unbelievers: *be unwilling to hear, become stubborn* (Mark 8.17).

Christ - Χριστός - strictly, *one who has been anointed*, symbolizing appointment to a task; as a name for Jesus, designating him as the *Messiah* sent from God (see John 1:41), *Christ, (the) Anointed One* (Matthew 1:16); as a personal name for Jesus, *Christ* (Romans 6:4).