

Sunday, March 28, 2010
Discussion Questions

Read Mark 8:27-37

1. Why did Peter rebuke Jesus?
2. When Jesus in turn reproved Peter, what did He mean by “the things of man” and “the things of God”? Why was it so wrong for Jesus to seek a life without rejection and suffering? How can we know what “the things of man” are for us?
3. In the events of Palm Sunday we learned that it is possible to honor God as King of our lives and yet completely miss God. How does the account of choosing between Barabbas and Jesus demonstrate that the praise of Palm Sunday missed God? (Matt 27:15-26; Jn 18:39-40)
4. Is it wrong to expect good things in this life from following God? Was it wrong to want to be released from the injustice of the Romans? Is the message of Palm Sunday that we should not look for good until we are in the new kingdom with Jesus? How do we know what expectations are right and what are wrong?
5. Where did the Son of Man have His hope? Did Jesus desire to experience good in this life? What can we learn from his desire for good and the course He chose?