



## I. INTRO

- A. Happy New Year
- B. Right in the eye

**Judges 17:6 (NLT)** In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

- C. What will it take to bring change?

## II. THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL QUESTION EVER

- A. Who do you say I am?

**Mark 8:27-29a (TLB)** Jesus and his disciples now left Galilee and went out to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along he asked them, “Who do the people think I am? What are they saying about me?” “Some of them think you are John the Baptist,” the disciples replied, “and others say you are Elijah or some other ancient prophet come back to life again.” Then he asked, “Who do you think I am?” ...

- Your answer to this question changes everything

- B. His family and the religious leaders

**Mark 3:20-22 (NLT)** One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. “He's out of his mind,” they said. But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, “He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons.”

- C. The people in His hometown

**Mark 6:2-3 (NLT)** The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” Then they scoffed, “He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

- D. Honor

**Mark 6:4 (NLT)** Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.”

**Honor:** Greek word “Time” (Tee-ma) to value, respect, highly esteem, to treat as precious, weighty, valuable.



**Without Honor: "Atimos" Means to dishonor, to treat them as common or ordinary, to make them less than they really are.**

### **III. WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?**

**Mark 8:29 (TLB) Then he asked, "Who do you think I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah."**

- A. Who is Jesus to you?
- B. If Jesus is your Lord
  - Your beliefs govern what you think, say and do
- C. Live different
  - "Live Differnt" comes down to how we answer the question of honor

**Romans 12:10 (NIV) Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

### **IV. WHY SHOULD I LIVE DIFFERENT?**

- A. Start with the end in mind
  - Life is like a check-out line

**Matthew 25:23a (NLT) "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant...**

- B. What's in your cart?

**1 Corinthians 3:11-12 (NLT) For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw.**

- C. You're going to "check-out" but then what?

**1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (NLT) But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.**

- D. Well done, not compared to others, but compared to what God wanted

**Matthew 25:23a (NLT) "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'**