Pray and Read the passage aloud

What strikes you as we read it?

v.10-27

Who is Jesus? How should we respond?

Who do people think Jesus is? What is the significance of Peter's answer? Have we seen this before? 2:11, 3:22, 4:21, 5:24, 7:20-23, 8:28

What does Peter's answer mean?

Christ is the Greek word, which means the same as messiah in Hebrew, which means 'anointed one'. The kings were anointed as a mark of their kingship (1 Sam 16:8-13); it was also used in priestly (Lev 4:3,5) and prophetic contexts (1 Kings 19:16). This title certainly refers to Jesus as the chosen Davidic king but it may also hint at his priestly and prophetic role.

Why does Jesus call himself the Son of Man?

Son of Man - Daniel 7:14

The rule of the Son of Man is absolute. He was given dominion and glory and the kingdom. The duration of his rule is eternal and universal. Considering that Jesus is the absolute ruler it is extraordinary that he goes on to say that he must die. He links this title with the idea that it will be necessary for him to suffer (Luke 9:22).

How does this title link with what he goes on to say? Isaiah 42, Isaiah 53

What does it mean to follow Christ?

What does it say? What does it mean?

v.28-36

What happens on the mountain and why?

So What?

Who do I think Jesus is?

What do I think of Jesus' claims?

Am I prepared to follow him?

- Jesus is the Christ which means we should submit to him as Lord.
- •Jesus' teaching here may leave someone saying, "Hold on this is more than I bargained for this is more like fundamentalist extremism!"
- In the transfiguration we gain real confidence to put our trust in Jesus and submit to his authority.