

In today's gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who do people say that I am. They give the popular opinions of the day: Elijah, John the Baptist, a prophet. I wonder if they were not convincing or if they were not sure what answer Jesus wanted.

In some ways they were right. Jesus wanted the answer from their hearts, from their experience of him in life, in ministry and teaching and healing. So he asked them, who do you say that I am?

What are the popular names for Jesus today that you have embraced?

What names or titles of Jesus speak to you personally and deeply?

In the gospel, Peter found it challenging that the role of the Christ was to suffer, die, and then three days later rise.

What challenges you today about who Jesus is?

Who do you say Jesus is in those times of great suffering, when you wish life was just a little different for you, for our Church, for our world?

How does your life's experience continue to reveal and to shape who Jesus is for you?

Today, let us be open to the ongoing revelation of who Jesus is for us, as we place our trust and hope in the Christ, the Anointed One, the One who walks with us every step of the way.