

Questions, Questions

- Something about the power of asking questions for making us engage with something, rather than just telling us the "right" answer...
- Note how the context for drawing people deeper is prayer
 - and also how he was setting an example for them...
 - (we make prayer such a private thing...)

Who do they say that I am?

- What does our wider culture say about Jesus, and about religious experience?
 - who do our friends/peers say Jesus is?
 - do we know?

Who do you say that I am?

- But demands a personal response - from us as much as from Peter and the disciples
 - who do we say Jesus is?
 - do we understand?
 - Alpha...

Who do you think that I am?

- Responding to Jesus is not the end:
 - grow in understanding and appreciation of who he is and what it means to follow him
 - self-denial, taking up cross
 - losing and saving life
 - owning up to knowing Jesus - allegiance, loyalty...

Conclusion

- Questions opening us up to what God is saying
- questions for others - what do think?
- questions for ourselves - have we given our lives to Christ?
- questions for ourselves - is our relationship with and understanding of Jesus growing? Does it include self-denial, taking up our Cross...?