

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?



“But who do you say that I am?”

Matthew 16:13-15

There are so many names for Jesus, prophet, teacher, healer, Son of God, savior, messiah, friend of the poor, to name just a few. Your task is to read one of the gospels – any one you choose. If possible, read it in one sitting, like a story. Be sure to read the introduction page to the gospel you choose. It will give you some insights as to what that particular community was experiencing at the time.

After reading the gospel, think about how the writer describes Jesus. Is he quiet and soft-spoken or assertive and authoritative? Is he kind and gentle or strong and powerful? Who does Jesus stand up for and whom does he reprimand? What stories have you always heard about Jesus that are NOT in this gospel? Think back on all that you have learned about Jesus since you were a small child

Now answer the question, **Who Do You Say I Am?** You can do so by writing a poem, song lyrics, or a short story that could have been included in a gospel. You might just want to answer the question straightforward and write a two-page essay. Maybe you are an artist and would like sketch or paint or draw a portrait of Jesus. Whatever medium you choose make sure you are answering the question and your image/understanding of Jesus comes through. ***On each project, indicate which gospel you have read.*** A rubric may be found on the next page to assist you in this project. Email the **text** of your project to: mesullivan@stgilesparsih.org

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