Pursuing the Jesus-way within
a post-Christian culture

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MARK 8:27-30

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Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

“Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.”

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Peter replied, “You are the Messiah.”

But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

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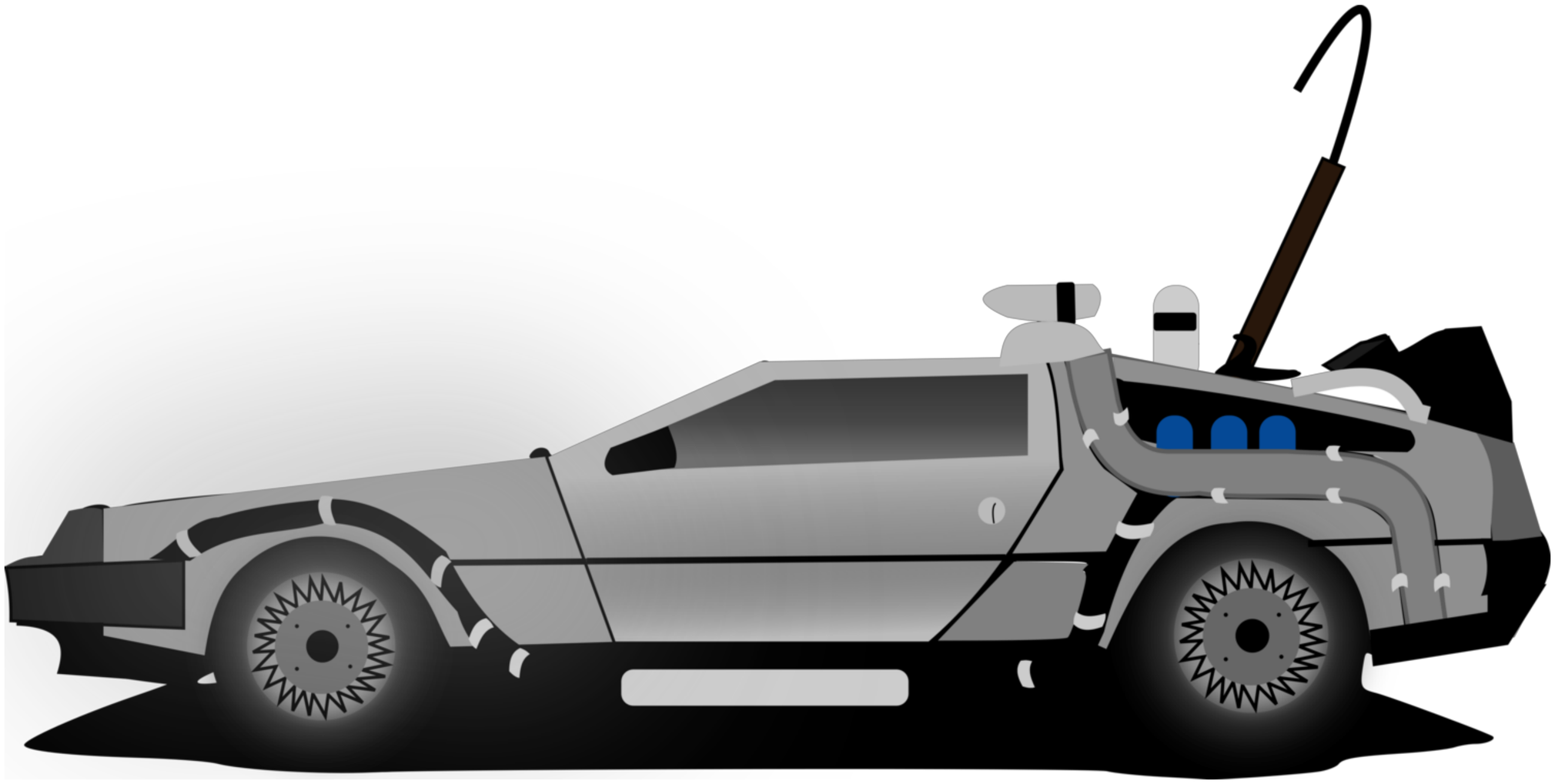

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WHAT **IS THIS???**

THE FACETS OF MULTIPLE OBJECTS
ARE FOUND IN ONE OBJECT

MARK'S ORIGINAL READERS

WHO **IS THIS GUY???**

THE DISCIPLES HAVE OBSERVED

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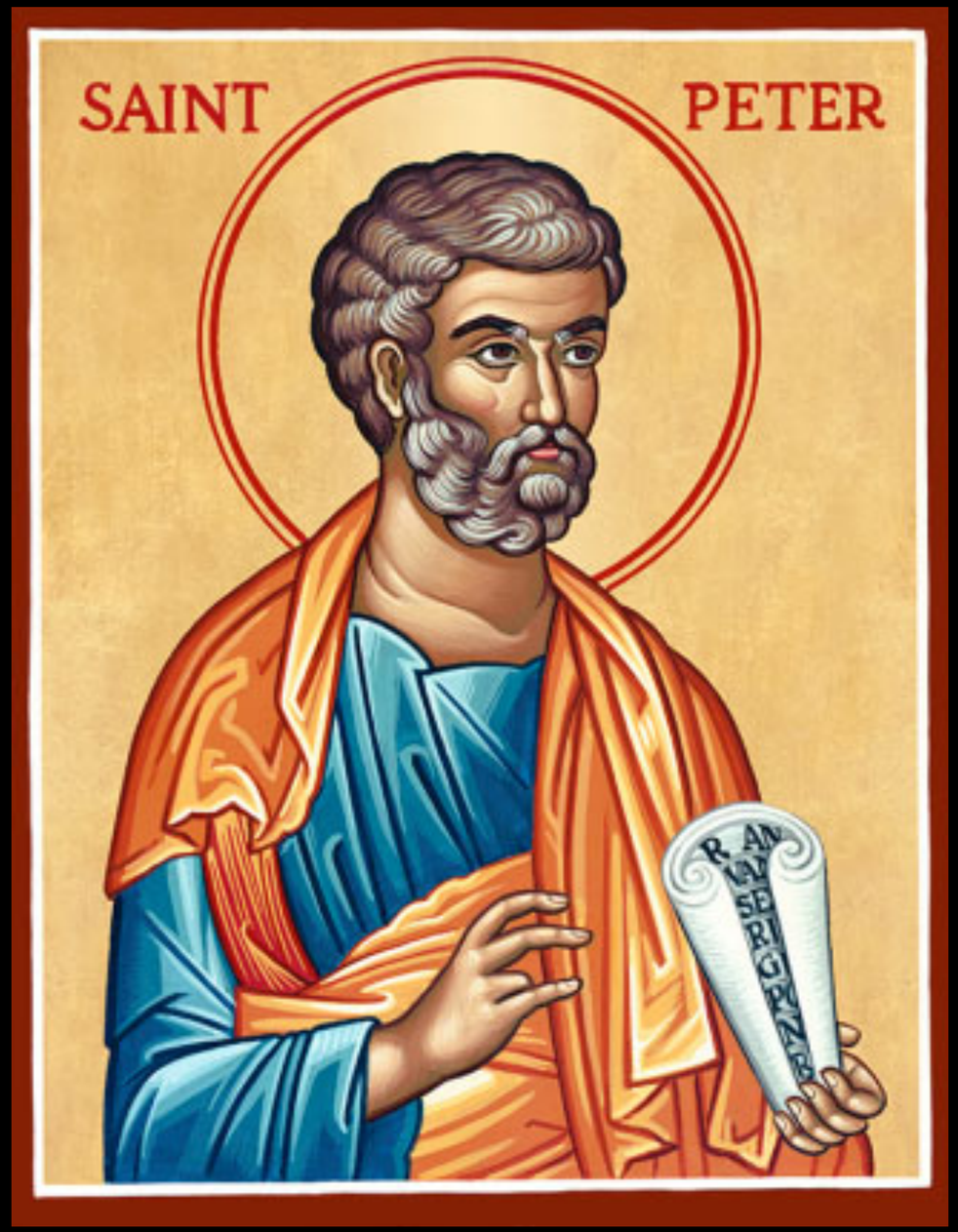
Jesus as a Rabbi, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Prophet, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Healer, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Miracle Worker, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Forgiver, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Teacher, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Carpenter, but he’s more than that.
Jesus as a Friend, but he’s more than that.

THE FACETS OF MULTIPLE CHARACTERS ARE BEING FOUND IN ONE PERSON



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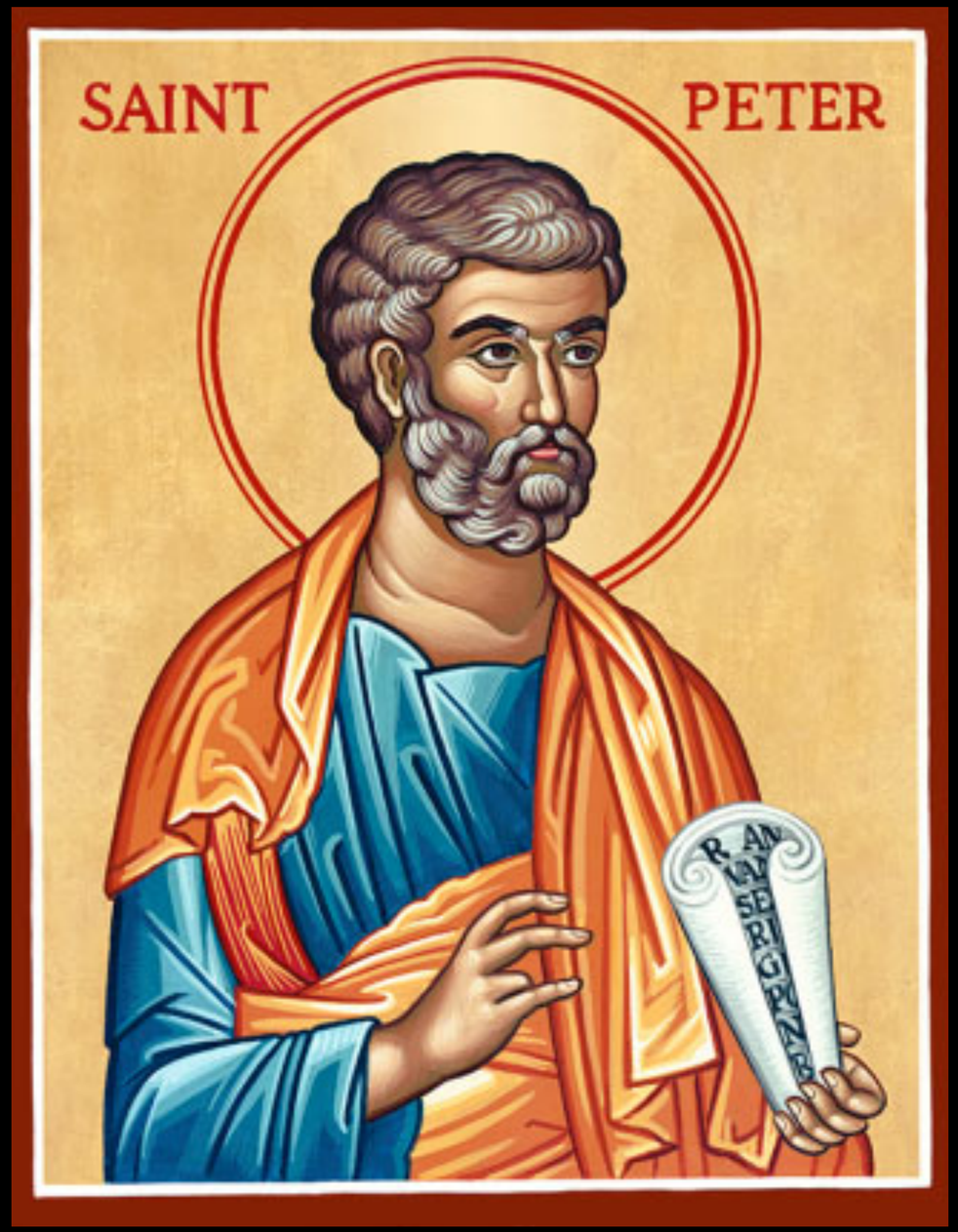

PETER DRAWS A CONCLUSION:
YOU ARE THE MESSIAH

PARAPHRASE:

WE SEE IT NOW.*
YOU'RE THE ONE WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR, THE ANOINTED KING, AND WE WANT YOUR KINGDOM.

*NOTE:

THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD ANSWER,
BUT STILL NOT HIS FINAL ANSWER.

(JUST LIKE US...)

THE MOST REVEALING QUESTION

“WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS?”

THIS QUESTION IS A DEEPLY THEOLOGICAL QUESTION MEANT TO REVEAL TO YOU WHO YOU THINK GOD IS.

A W TOZER

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"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God. For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God."

CAUSE + EFFECT

WHAT I THINK ABOUT ALWAYS AFFECTS HOW I LIVE OUT.

WE MUST THINK OF JESUS WELL
SO THAT WE MAY LIVE OUT THE JESUS WAY WELL.

SO WHO DO YOU *THINK* HE IS?

(A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT)

A COLLECTION OF FACETS
OF THE STONE CALLED: CHRIST

OUR PRACTICES HELP US SEE THE FACETS,
SO LET US PRACTICE TOGETHER
WITH CREED AND TABLE