

Series: Lessons from His Life
Message: The Body is the Temple of God
Text: Mark 8:27-38 & 1 Cor 3:16 (AM 3/09/08)

*“Do you not know that you are the temple of God
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” 1 Cor 3:16*

In today's text Jesus reveals...

How our temporal bodies can bring eternal glory to the Father

I. I. A Heart that Receives Christ (27-30) “Who do you say...”

Only Jesus can make our Body the Temple of God.

- • We must trust Christ
- • He will transform our lives

II. II. A Will that's Responsive to Christ (34) “... And follow Me”

Our temple exists for the purposes of God.

- • Surrender readies our body – “Deny yourself...”
- • Service edifies His Body – “Take up your Cross...”

III. III. A Body that Reflects Christ (35-37) “Loses his life for My sake”

Our temple should bring glory to its occupant.

- • Live healthy – 1 Timothy 4:8
- • Look holy – “For My sake...” & 1 Timothy 2:9

IV. IV. A Mouth that Resonates Christ (38) “Not ashamed...”

May the melody of our life draw people to Jesus.

- • Confess Christ before folks
- • He will claim you before the Father

Application to our life: Have you invited the King of Glory to live in your Body? If so, are you allowing Him to rule your life? Does your earthly temple radiate His eternal glory or simply the impulses of the god of this age?