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## You are the Christ of God

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Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,  
and the disciples were with him,  
he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"  
They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah;  
still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'"  
Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"  
Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God."  
He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.  
He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly  
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,  
and be killed and on the third day be raised."  
(Lk 9:18-22)