

Verse 27

**Jesus asks everyone an unavoidable question.**

*Romans 10:14 - How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

Verse 28

*Mark 6:14–16 - <sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."*

*2 Kings 2:11 - And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

*Malachi 3:1 - "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.*

*Malachi 4:5–6 - <sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."*

*Deuteronomy 18:15–18 - <sup>15</sup> "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' <sup>17</sup> And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.*

*<sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.*

*James Edwards – Faith is a judgment about Jesus, and a willingness to act on the judgment in the face of other possible judgments.*

Verse 29

**Jesus is the only acceptable answer.**

*Matthew 16:17–19*

*<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*

*<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

*<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

**Jesus is the foundation and cornerstone of the Church.**

*Psalm 118:22 - The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**Jesus commissions those who have confessed Him to build His church.**

**Jesus can use our proclamation of Him to multiply His church.**

**Scripture Reading:** *John 15:1-17*