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A Good News Story

## Jesus Teaches Who He Is

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Looking for a way to test Jesus, the Sadducees and Pharisees asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.

Jesus answered them, “You know how to judge the appearance of the sky, but you cannot judge the signs of the times. An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Then Jesus left his questioners to ponder His words.

After crossing the sea, Jesus was alone with His apostles. They had forgotten to bring any bread.

Jesus used this opportunity for a lesson. “Look out,” He said, “and beware of the **leaven**\* of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

The Apostles said to each other, “It is because we have brought no bread.”

“You of little faith,” Jesus said to them, “why do you conclude among yourselves that it is because you have no bread? ... How do you not comprehend that I was not speaking to you about bread?”

Then the Apostles realized Jesus was referring to the teaching of the Pharisees.

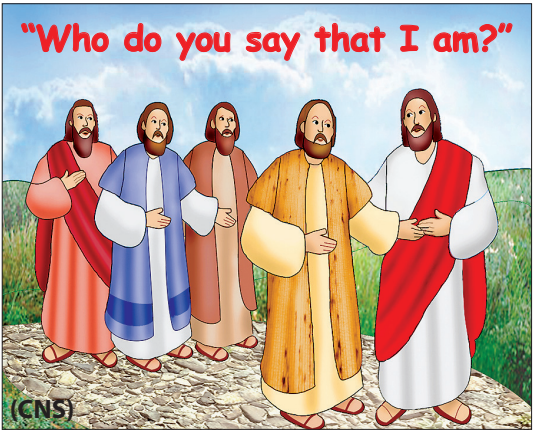
Jesus and His friends traveled to Caesarea Philippi. “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Jesus asked.

They answered, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked.

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus smiled at him and said, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,



### Bible Trivia

What miracles did Jesus remind the apostles of when they wondered about bread? (Hint: Matthew 9-10)

Answer: The feeding of the 5,000 and 4,000.

but my heavenly Father.

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

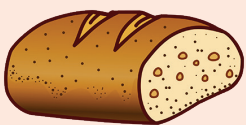
After Jesus had said this, He told his Apostles not to tell anyone else He was the Messiah.

## Q&A

Who did Peter say that Jesus was?

Did Jesus show the Pharisees and Sadducees a sign?

Read more about it in Matthew 16



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**\*What does “leaven” mean?** “Leaven” is another word for yeast, which helps bread rise when it bakes. It makes bread soft and light. Even a little yeast will spread all throughout bread dough.

The apostles thought Jesus was saying not to get bread from the Pharisees and Sadducees. But He meant that those people’s teachings could spread like yeast and damage the faith of anyone who listened.



(OSV News illustration/Adalee Hude)

### Match the Archangel

Read the descriptions, then write the number of the matching archangel next to the name.

\_\_\_ St. Raphael

He guided and protected a man named Tobit in his journey. He is carrying a walking stick and wearing a fish pin.

\_\_\_ St. Michael

The guardian of goodness and truth. We pray to him for protection. He is holding a sword and shield.

\_\_\_ St. Gabriel

God’s messenger. He visited Mary to tell her she would give birth to God’s Son, Jesus. He is holding a white lily that is a symbol for Mary.

### Wonder Lake Parish Finds the ‘Wonder’ in Stellar VBS

WONDER LAKE—Youth and volunteers of Christ the King Parish participated in a space-themed “Stellar” Vacation Bible School July 24-28.



(Photo provided/Megan Pontarelli)