

## 03/14/11 - Saying More Than We Know

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Luke 9:18-27

In one of my favorite Bob Benson stories, he tells of the church gossip hard at work. She is dishing up the latest news on some choice morsel of interest, and her listener begs for more.

She is, I believe, a distant relative of Peter. When asked who Jesus is, he has a plethora of possible answers, stretching from a re-headed John the Baptist to the prophet Elijah come back from the dead. The towns were full of juicy gossip. But Peter replied calmly and succinctly, "You are the Messiah, the Christ of God." And he was right. But he said more than he knew. Because he would soon be addressed as Satan ("Get behind me!"), deny even knowing Jesus, and run for his life with all the other cowards. Do you think he would have done this if he believed what he said?

No more than what we say about Jesus and what we do are miles apart. Maybe we ought to pay more attention to our confessions.

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