



SERMON QUESTIONS

November 16, 2025

Series: Be Transformed

**Sermon: I Can See Clearly, Now, the Waves
are Gone**

Matthew 16:1-28

1. Who are the characters in Matthew 16:1-4? What do you know about the Pharisees and Sadducees? How does self-righteousness blind us to Christ? (Do you see a connection to what we learned last week from 2 Corinthians 3:12-18?)
2. If Jesus performed signs in His ministry, why was it wrong for the Pharisees and Sadducees to request signs?
3. How is self-denial different from works-righteousness?
4. Define "church."
5. If a true understanding of Christ is God's work, how should that affect our evangelism? How should it affect your pride in receiving the gospel?
6. Explain why Christ's identity is foundational for the church.
7. How do you think your unbelieving neighbors and coworkers would answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" How could you work a similar question into an evangelistic conversation?
8. What does Jesus' rebuke to Peter in verse 23 say about the place of the cross in God's plan?
9. What does it mean for someone to "take up his cross" in verse 24?