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# At Caesarea- Philippi

**Bible Reading: Luke 9.18-27**

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*At Caesarea Philippi* gives reflections of two disciples, Philip and Thomas, on Peter's confession about Jesus. What were the implications of this discovered truth? Surely it was only a matter of time now before the Jewish leaders accepted Jesus and opened the possibility of a whole new future for them all!

## At Caesarea-Philippi

Reader: **Luke 9.18-20.**

THOMAS: Peter answered well for us, Philip.

PHILIP: He did, Thomas. “The Messiah, the Son of God” ... it’s almost scary to say it, but I think we’ve all come to believe it’s the truth about Jesus.

THOMAS: I’m glad Jesus asked us that question up here at Caesarea Philippi – away from the pressures of the officials!

PHILIP: You’re right! They’ve had all their own questions about who Jesus is, haven’t they?

THOMAS: Perhaps they see themselves as the keepers of the truth.

PHILIP: Or else they are afraid of their own position.

THOMAS: How do you mean?

PHILIP: It’s one thing officially looking out for God’s Messiah...

THOMAS: And checking out anyone who claims to be...

PHILIP: But when the Messiah actually comes, what happens to their role then?

THOMAS: So they may take a bit of convincing, but when they know the evidence, when they see what we have seen, when they know that Jesus isn’t out for his own thing...

PHILIP: I think they might get behind him!

THOMAS: I wonder what Jesus will do now.

PHILIP: Well, if Peter is right, I would expect him to have a grand plan.

THOMAS: You mean – to do with the Kingdom of heaven?

PHILIP: I think Jesus is about to reveal himself.

THOMAS: To everybody?

PHILIP: I think so. And the elders, the chief priests and teachers of the Law will all get behind him!

THOMAS: And the whole Jewish people will acknowledge that their Messiah has come!

PHILIP: And the Roman authorities find themselves kicked out of the land...

THOMAS: And Jesus is crowned as King of the Jews...

PHILIP: And we become like his inner cabinet...

THOMAS: Wow! Sounds great!

PHILIP: But wait! Listen!

Reader: **Luke 9.21-27.**