

## Reflections for the thirteenth week

**Monday Matthew 16:13-15** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples. "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say Elijah, some John the Baptist and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "but you," he said "who do you say I am?"

Who do you say Jesus is?

**Tuesday Matthew 8:27** Whatever kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey him.

How would you describe Jesus from your experience?

**Wednesday Psalm 33:10** Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

As the song goes, count your blessings. You might be amazed to find how many have been showered on you. It seems more frequent today to list problems and heartaches.

**Thursday Psalm 116:6** The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me

We often have a powerful experience of God when we are at our lowest ebb. Can you think of a time when this has happened to you?

**Friday Matthew 9:12-13** Jesus said "It is not the healthy who need the doctor but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy not sacrifice.

Do you think our church community would be known for showing mercy and reaching out to those who are downtrodden?

**Saturday Matthew 9:14** John's disciples came to Jesus and said, "Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast but your disciples do not?"

Jesus isn't popular with the Pharisees who are sticklers for the rules. You could say Jesus has broken the mould. Do I like to make Jesus fit my idea of him rather than making him available to everyone?