

“Ultimate Question(s)”

June 28, 2026 Mark 8:27–30 Pastor Todd McAllister

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(and more)

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“But who do _____ say that I am?” *Mark 8:29*

Matter of _____ and _____

(continued on other side)

“Ultimate Question(s)” (continued)

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