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What is the difference between the questions: "Who do the crowds say I am?" and "Who do you say I am?" In a word, the difference is suffering. To answer the first, you need to be a religious journalist; to answer the second, you need to put your cards on the table – or rather, your life on the line. The word "to suffer" means "to allow": to allow faith to penetrate you is to suffer; it is to lose that arm's length that the journalist maintains so carefully.

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