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Brothers, Christ, at the conclusion of our Gospel, tells the Disciples not to reveal that he is the Christ. This appears confusing at first glance. Why would Christ not want to reveal himself? Had not the Disciples told him they believed him to be the Christos? Did he not admit that God had revealed this to them, and because of this they were blessed and empowered?

I believe that this conundrum can easily be answered. Gnosticism teaches that man is saved by the reception of a spiritual, revelatory Gnosis. This Gnosis awakens the recipient from his forced slumber, washing away his damning ignorance. When the disciples revealed to Christ that they knew him to be the Christos, his response was: "Blessed are you..., for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." Thus he was acknowledging that they had received Gnosis.

Why did Christ then not want them to reveal who he was? Simple. True Gnosis, the spiritual and revelatory Gnosis which one must gain from above, cannot come from man. Telling someone that Christ is the Son of God does not automatically save them, I doubt if you can convince them with just this statement. But when one has been given a true revelation, they can only believe.

Gnosticism is a true, initiatic tradition. It is one that must be experienced. Blind faith, empty works, these will get you nowhere. Without the reception of Gnosis, Christ will just be a prominent, historical figure. Only through Gnosis does he become, for us, the Christos.