Reading from Matthew 16:13-28



- ¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
- ¹⁴ So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.



- ²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.
- Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"
- ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."



²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. 28 "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."



"I Will Build My Church"

Matthew 16:13-28



<u>Implication</u>: Knowing who Jesus is will cause you to change who you are!

Those who know who Jesus is (16:13-18)



Those who listen to Jesus' Word (16:19)

"You have taken away **the key** of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering" (Luke 11:52)



Those who listen to Jesus' Word (16:19)

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word" (John 17:20)



Those who listen to Jesus' Word (16:19)

"when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you." (John 16:13-14)

Those who listen to Jesus' Word (16:19)

"25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:25-26)

Matthew 16:13-28

Those who listen to Jesus' Word (16:19)

<u>Implication</u>: We are only His church when we follow His word!



Those who live as Jesus lived (16:20-28)

<u>Implication</u>: If you are living for self, you are not following Jesus!

Those who listen to Jesus' Word (16:19)



Those who know who Jesus is (16:13-18)



Jesus' church will have eternal life

"The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (16:18)

