

CONFESSION: YOU ARE THE CHRIST



BIG IDEA

Everything about following Jesus depends on rightly knowing and confessing who He is.

RIGHTLY KNOW HIM. BOLDLY CONFESS HIM.

I. Jesus Reveals Who He Is — Matthew 16:13–17

- The crowd offers several answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or a _____.
- Peter confesses: “You are the _____, the Son of the _____ God.”
- “Flesh and blood” did not reveal this. The _____ disclosed Jesus’ identity to Peter.
- Matthew 11:27: the Father uniquely _____ the Son.

II. Jesus Builds What Belongs to Him — Matthew 16:18

- Πέτρος (Petros) / πέτρα (petra); likely Aramaic _____ / Cephas, “rock.”
- Peter has a foundational apostolic role; _____ builds the church.
- qāhāl → ἐκκλησία (ekklēsia) → “_____ CHURCH.”
- The gates of Hades will not overpower the people Christ _____.

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III. Jesus Entrusts His Work to His People — Matthew 16:19-20

- Isaiah 22: King → steward → key → delegated _____.
- Matthew 16: Christ → Peter → keys → kingdom _____.
- NASB95: “shall have been _____ / loosed” in heaven (v. 19).
- Matthew 18:18 repeats binding and loosing to the gathered _____.
- Verse 20 holds the tension. Verse 21 begins: “From that _____...”

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01 Caesarea Philippi — Where Peter Made the Great Confession • 02 Upon This Rock — What Did Jesus Mean? • 03 Church, Hades & Keys — Three Images Behind Matthew 16:18–19

Christ the King holds ultimate authority and entrusts His servants with kingdom work.

REFLECTION & APPLICATION

1. Am I relying on what people say about Jesus, or listening to His own revelation?
2. Where do I confess the right title while resisting the way of His cross?
3. How does “I will build My church” steady my view of the church?
4. Where can I serve under Christ’s authority with humility and faithfulness?

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