



INSIDE
IDEAS

The Ultimate Question

MATTHEW 16:13-19

I. Jesus took His disciples to a place of _____ to ask them the ultimate question.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." vv. 13-14

II. Jesus _____ Peter's answer to this ultimate question.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Ionah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." vv. 15-17

III. Jesus proclaims that belief in Him is the _____ of His Church.

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." vv. 18-19

WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?

IS HE TRULY THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR LIFE?

A FEW
IMPLICATIONS
TO CONSIDER

TO BELIEVE JESUS IS THE CHRIST

is to make Him the _____ God of your life, not one of many.

TO BELIEVE JESUS IS THE CHRIST

is to be truly _____ with other believers.

TO BELIEVE JESUS IS THE CHRIST

is to welcome the responsibility of _____ others into His Kingdom.



1. What answers have you heard people give about Christ's identity? What do their answers suggest about their understanding of who He is, and from where might they get these views?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 16:16

*Simon Peter replied,
"You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."*

JOURNAL:

Matthew 16:13-19

"Like John the Baptist, the Twelve fluctuated between moments of great faith and of grave doubt. They could proclaim with deep conviction, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God' (In 6:68-69). They could also display remarkable lack of faith and discernment, even after witnessing hundreds of healings and dramatic demonstrations of supernatural power. They were sometimes strong in faith and sometimes weak. Jesus frequently spoke of their 'little faith.' Now, at last, the truth of Jesus' divinity and messiahship was established in their minds beyond question. They would still experience times of weakness and confusion about what Jesus said and did, but they would no longer doubt who it was who said and did them. He was indeed the Christ, the Son of the living God. God's own Spirit had now imbedded the truth indelibly in their hearts. It took two and a half years for them to come to this place of confession, through the struggles and hatred of the Jewish religious leaders, the mounting fickleness and rejection of the people, and their own confusion about what the Messiah had come to do. But without question they now knew He was the fulfiller of their hopes, the source of their salvation, the desire of the nations."

JOHN MACARTHUR

2. Read Matthew 16:13-19. Do you think Peter fully understood what he was saying? Explain.

3. Jesus took His disciples to a place strongly identified with various religions—it had been a center for Baal worship; the Greek god Pan had shrines there; and Herod the Great built a temple there to honor Augustus Caesar. Why would Jesus choose this place to announce his plans to build His church?

4. What did Jesus promise about the Church (v. 18)? How does this encourage you, especially in these difficult times?

5. What part in building Christ's Church do you have now? Why should we not be discouraged in our efforts to carry out God's work?

JOURNAL Matthew 16:13-19

How would you answer the question, *Who do you say Jesus is?*
In what everyday ways can you tell that He the foundation of your life?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

KIDSCAMP TO GO KidsCamp is the best week of the summer where kids Grade 1-4 learn all about the gospel with crazy games, rock concert sing-alongs, funny skits and Bible lessons with a small group of kids their age. This year you can take the fun to your backyard! KidsCamp To Go is an outreach opportunity to host your own KidsCamp at home. When you sign up, you'll get a box with all supplies and teaching materials included. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

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