

Who Do You Say He Is?

Matthew 16:13-20

Getting Started

What are some of the different concepts people have of Jesus?

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 16:13-16.** Describe the setting.
2. What was the first question Jesus asked his disciples?
3. What were some of their answers?
4. Why do you think Jesus is raising the issue of his identity at this time?
5. What was Jesus' second question? Paraphrase Peter's answer.
6. **Read Matthew 16:17-20.** Jesus calls Peter *blessed*. In what specific way was Peter blessed?
7. Jesus said that Peter would have a key role in the foundation of the Church. What do you think Jesus meant? (Cf. Peter's actions and influence in Acts chs. 1-12.)
8. In what way is Jesus the ultimate foundation of the Church? (Cf. 1 Cor 3:11; Eph 2:19-20)



9. **Read Matthew 16:18 again.** What does this verse tell us about Christ's relationship with the Church?
10. Give some examples of how Jesus is building his Church today.
11. How can we cooperate with Jesus in the building of His church?

Getting Personal

- What is your earliest memory of Jesus? Who did you understand him to be?
- What phrases would you use to describe Jesus now?
- How can Christ's assurances in v. 18 give us a sense of humility as we seek to obey his command to make disciples of all nations?
- How can his assurances also give us a sense of confidence?