

Foundation

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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

And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

Mark 8:27-30

Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?"

They told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets."

And He continued by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

Luke 9:18-22

And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the people say that I am?"

They answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

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"the common people"

Matthew 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

a prophet come back to guide and instruct

Matthew 16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

"My apostles"

Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

God's Son, the Messiah of promise

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Not shown by his physical attributes, nor by a royal or ruling character

Not known by any man except God reveals it

Matthew 16:18-19 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

You are truly a solid force of stability, thus you will be used

This solid foundation, which you have declared will be that upon which My church will stand

Because of this foundation, nothing, not even all the assembled forces of evil, shall prevail

You, a force of stability will open the way allowing entrance into my domain

You, as directed by the Spirit, will declare what is forbidden & what is allowed among my servants here on Earth

When the Jews made a man a doctor of the law, they put into his hand the key of the closet in the temple where the sacred books were kept, and also tablets to write upon; signifying, by this, that they gave him authority to teach, and to explain the Scriptures to the people. - Martin.

Bind (forbid) & loose (allow) doctrine, not persons

They bound circumcision as a religious requirement **Acts 15**

They loosed fasting & vows as something to be used according to personal preference **Acts 21**

A foretelling of how the Word would be revealed, even from whom it would issue forth for both Jew & Gentile

Matthew 16:20 *Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.*

But my time is not yet, so keep these things to yourself until the time comes

Let us avoid getting bogged down in over analyzing scripture.

Let us focus on what it says and learn to trust in God to insure that we have what we need for salvation.

Do you believe in the Foundation?

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