

Sunday December 3, 2023
Sermon Outline

III. THE LORD ASKS THE DISCIPLES WHO THEY
THOUGHT HE WAS, Mt. 16:15

--Where are they now?

--How much do they understand now?

--Have they grown any recently?

--Any growth since the blind man was healed?

A. Peter Answers (For the Disciples?) Mt. 16:16

1. He confessed that they knew He was the Christ (Messiah) the Son of the Living God.
--Cf. Isa. 9:6 --Fulfilling Prophecy!

2. Everything said Who He was!

- a. Miracles that only God could do!
- b. He claimed He had come down from Heaven to do God's Will, Jn. 6:38
- c. He claimed to be the God of the O.T., Jn. 8:56-58

B. The Lord Revealed How Peter Knew This Correct Answer, Mt. 16:17

1. He told Peter he was blessed, v-17a
2. He told Peter he didn't get this truth from people, v-17b
3. God the Father had revealed it to Peter, v-17c

C. The Lord Warned Them Not To Tell This To Anyone, Mk. 8:30; Lk. 9:21

IV. HE REVEALED TO PETER THE IMPORTANT
ROLE HE WOULD PLAY IN GOD'S FUTURE
PROGRAM, Mt. 16:18, 19

A. He Told Peter He Was A Rock (a small stone)
-*Petros*, v-18a

1. Peter would be a strong leader in God's program, Jn. 1:40-42
2. The first key sermons in Acts, Acts 2:14-16, 22-24, 32, 36-40; 4:8-12

3. But Peter still was not perfect, Gal. 2:7, 8, 11-14

B. Peter's Confession Of Him Would Be The Rock *petra fem* -(foundation boulder), Upon Which He Would Build His Church, v-18b, Cf. Mt. 7:24,25

1. The Lord's play on words is clear.
2. Christ Himself is the foundation of the Church, Acts 4:11; 1 Cor. 3:11
3. Christ is also the Head of the Church, Eph. 5:23
--Neither role is given to Peter!
4. Peter recognized all believers as stones in Christ's Building, 1 Pet. 2:4-6
5. The Church began at Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4; Cf. 1 Cor. 12:12, 13

C. The Gates Of Hades Would Not Be Able To Overpower It, v-18c

1. Jewish understanding -physical death.
2. Christ's death would not prevent His building of the church!
3. Or the death of Christ's people would not prevent the building of His Church. (Quote)

D. Peter Would Have Authority In God's Kingdom Of Heaven v-19

1. Peter would declare what has already been declared in Heaven. Cf. Jn. 20:23
2. Samaritans Believe, Cf. Acts 8:9-24