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**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**October 16, 2020**

# Follow Me: Lessons from the Lives of the Disciples

#6 – Peter, Part 2: “Who Do You Say That I Am?”  
*Matthew 16:13-20*

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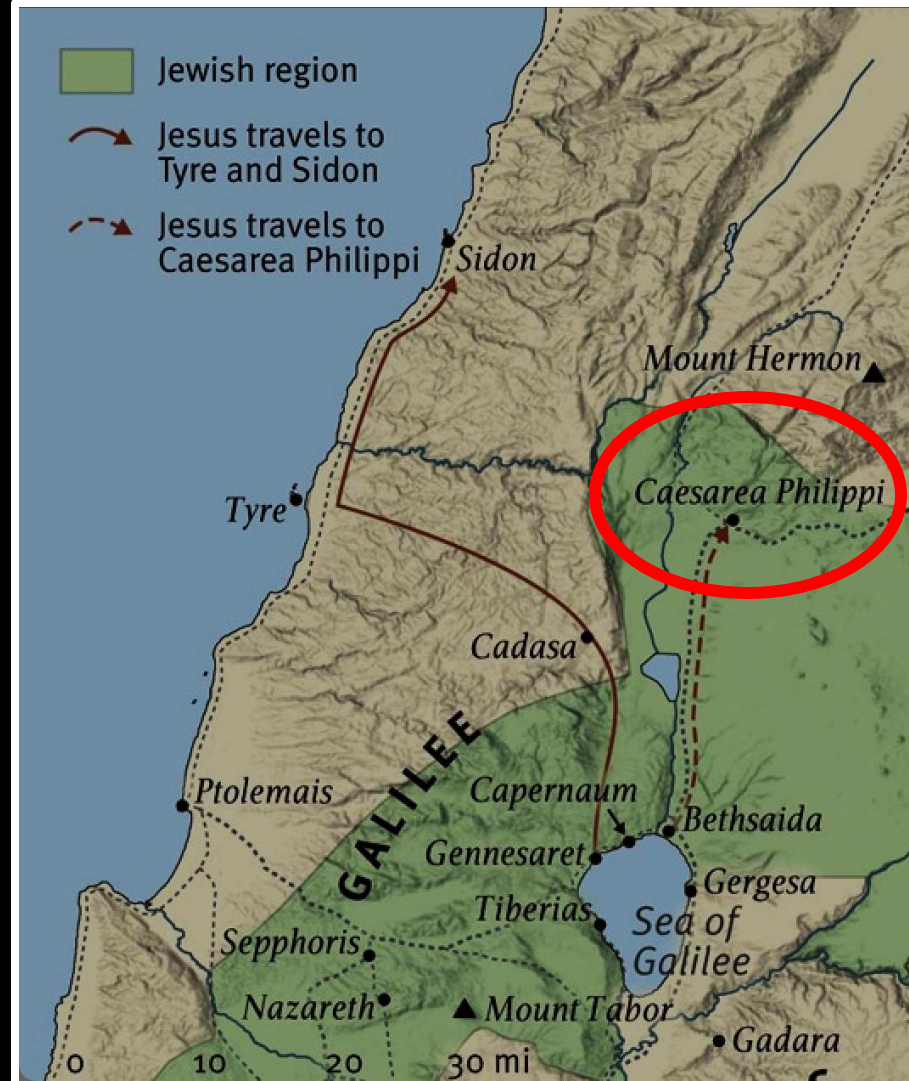
# Thesis for our Semester

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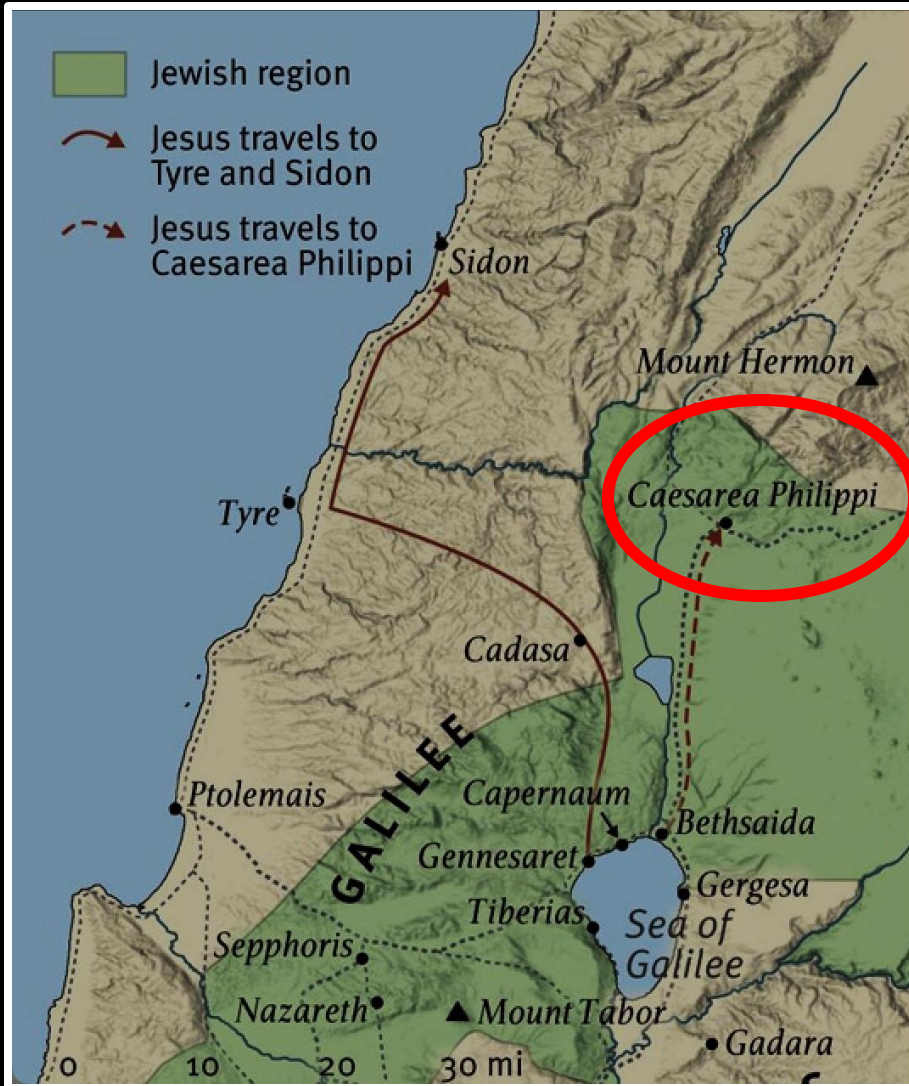
# A “disciple” is called to ...

- 1)... *faith* in Jesus Christ.
- 2)... *follow* after Jesus Christ and obey Him.
- 3)... *fulfill* the mission of Jesus Christ and tell others about Him.
- 4)... *fellowship* in the family of Jesus Christ.

# Context for Matthew 16:13-20



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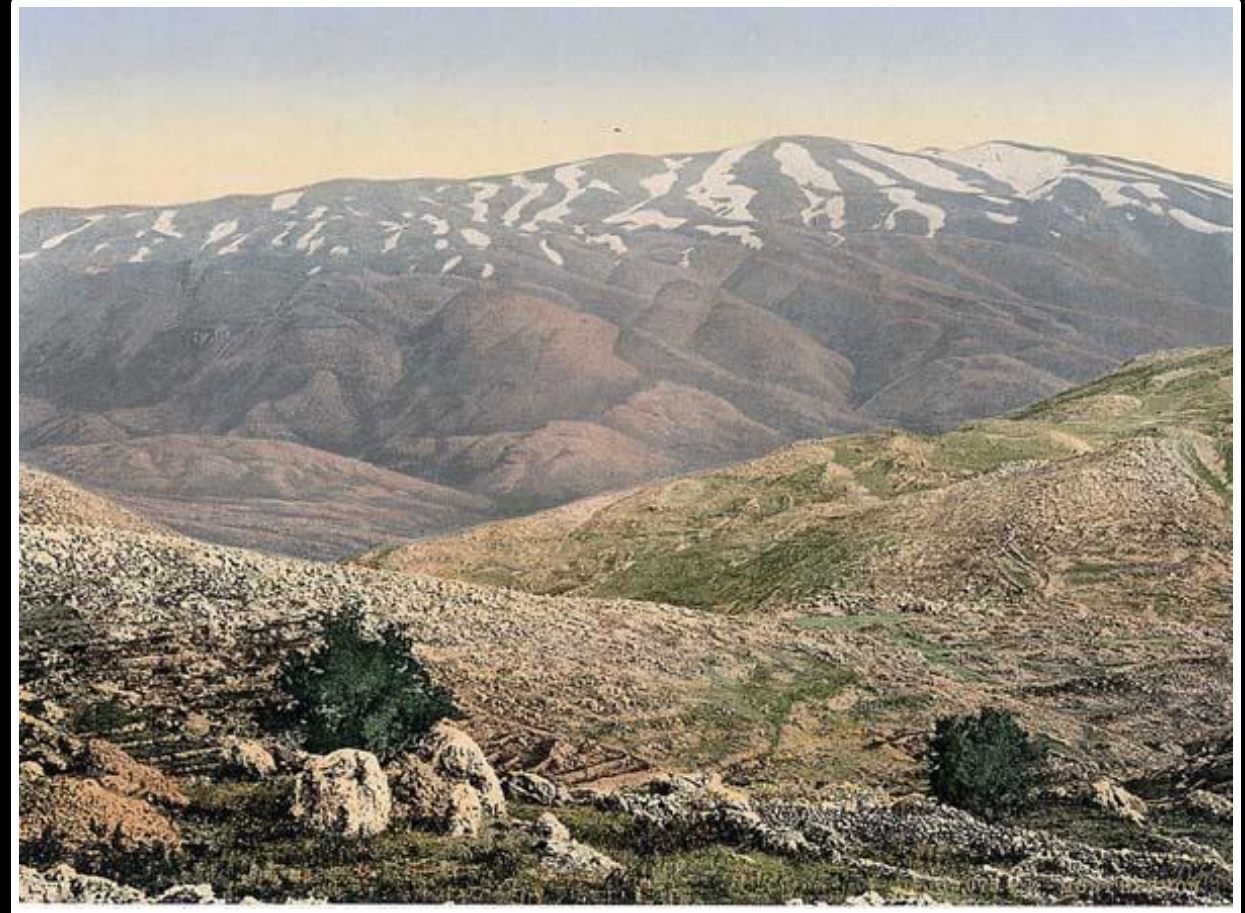


## Caesarea Philippi

- Named after *Caesar* and *Herod Philip II* (Philip the Tetrarch)
- Major center of Gentile pagan worship.
- Ancient spring gushed from the rock at the base of Mt. Hermon.



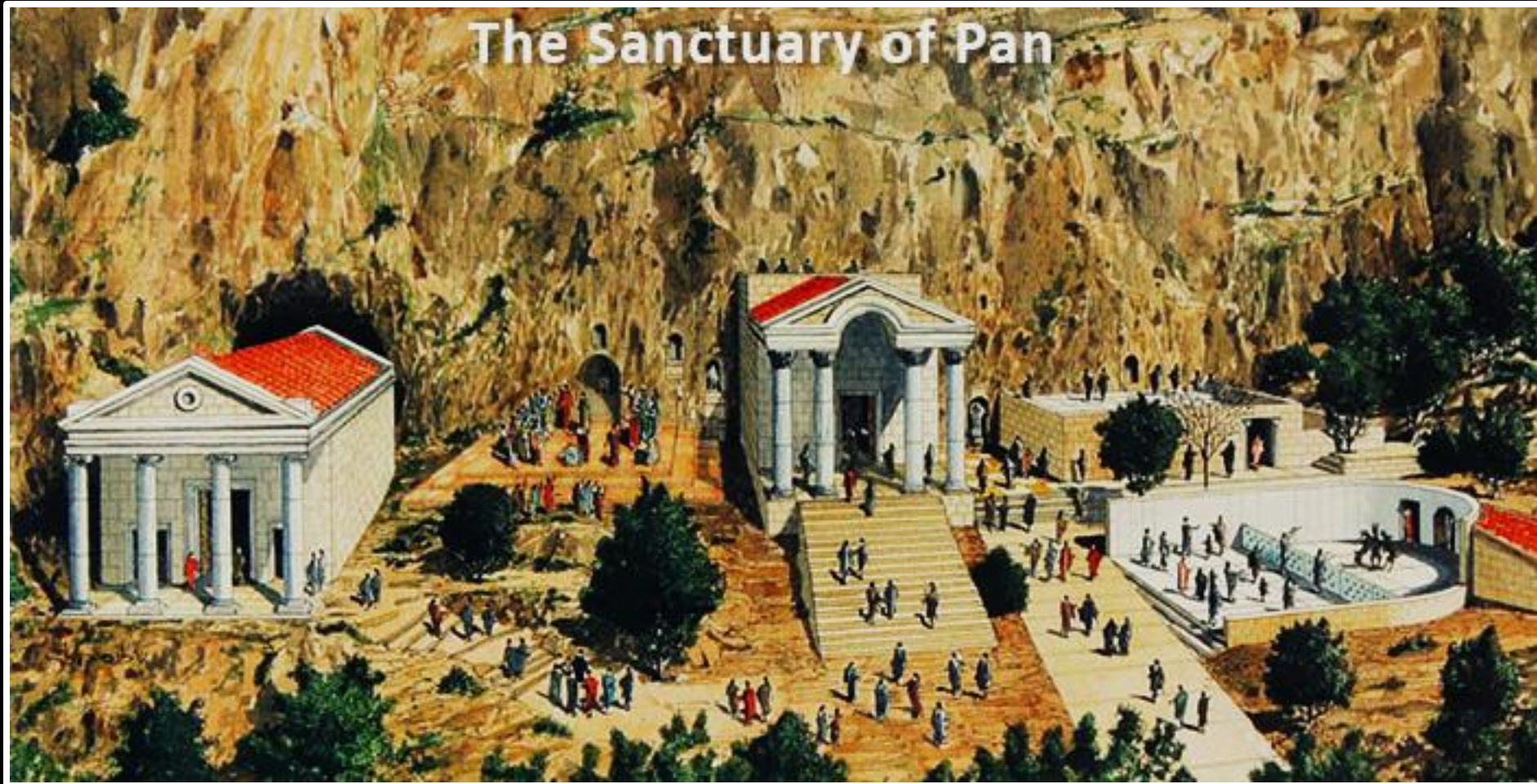
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# Context for Matthew 16:13-20



**Ancient Caesarea Philippi**



# Context for Matthew 16:13-20



**Modern Caesarea Philippi**



**Grotto of Pan**



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**Grotto of Pan**



## Matthew 16:13-20

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.” 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-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church ...”



## Matthew 16:13-20

“... 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.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

## Matthew 16:13-20

- **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (16:13-14)**

“He desired of His disciples a recital of current opinions, merely by way of preface to a profession of their own faith in the eternal truth concerning Himself. He deemed it good to draw forth from them such a profession at this time, because He was about to make communications to them on another subject, viz. His sufferings, which He knew would sorely truth their faith ...

## Matthew 16:13-20

- “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (16:13-14)

“... He wished them to be fairly committed to the doctrine of His *Messiahship* before proceeding to speak in plain terms on the unwelcome theme of His *death*.”

- A.B. Bruce, *The Training of the Twelve*



# Matthew 16:13-20

- **“Who do you say that I am?” (16:15-16)**
  - Christ = “Anointed One”
  - “Son of the living God”

# Matthew 16:13-20

- “Who do you say that I am?” (16:15-16)

“Matthew shows that whereas the public in Israel does not receive Jesus and wrongly conceives of him as being a prophet, Peter, as spokesman for the disciples, confesses Jesus aright to be the Son of God and so reveals that the disciples’ evaluative point of view concerning Jesus’ identity is in alignment with that of God.”

- Jack Dean Kingsbury, *Matthew as Story*

# Matthew 16:13-20

- **Who reveals this profession to Peter? (16:17)**

“These words evidently imply that the person addressed had said something very extraordinary; something he could not have learned from the traditional established belief of his generation respecting Messiah; something ...



# Matthew 16:13-20

- **Who reveals this profession to Peter? (16:17)**

“... to which he could not have attained by the unaided effort of his own mind. The confession is virtually represented as an inspiration, a revelation, a flash of light from heaven – the utterance not of the rude fisherman, but of the divine Spirit speaking.”

**- A.B. Bruce, The Training of the Twelve**

# Matthew 16:13-20

- What is “this rock?” (16:18)

“Jesus’ declaration, ‘You are Peter,’ parallels Peter’s confession, ‘You are the Christ,’ as if to say, ‘Since you can tell me who I am, I will tell you who you are.’”

- Craig Blomberg, *Matthew (The New American Comm.)*

# Matthew 16:13-20

- What is “this rock?” (16:18)
  - 1) Peter?
  - 2) Peter’s profession about Jesus?
  - 3) Jesus Himself?

## Psalms 118:22

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.



# Matthew 16:13-20

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## Ephesians 2:20-21

on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, ***Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone***, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

# Matthew 16:13-20

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## Revelation 1:17-18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last and ***the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.***”



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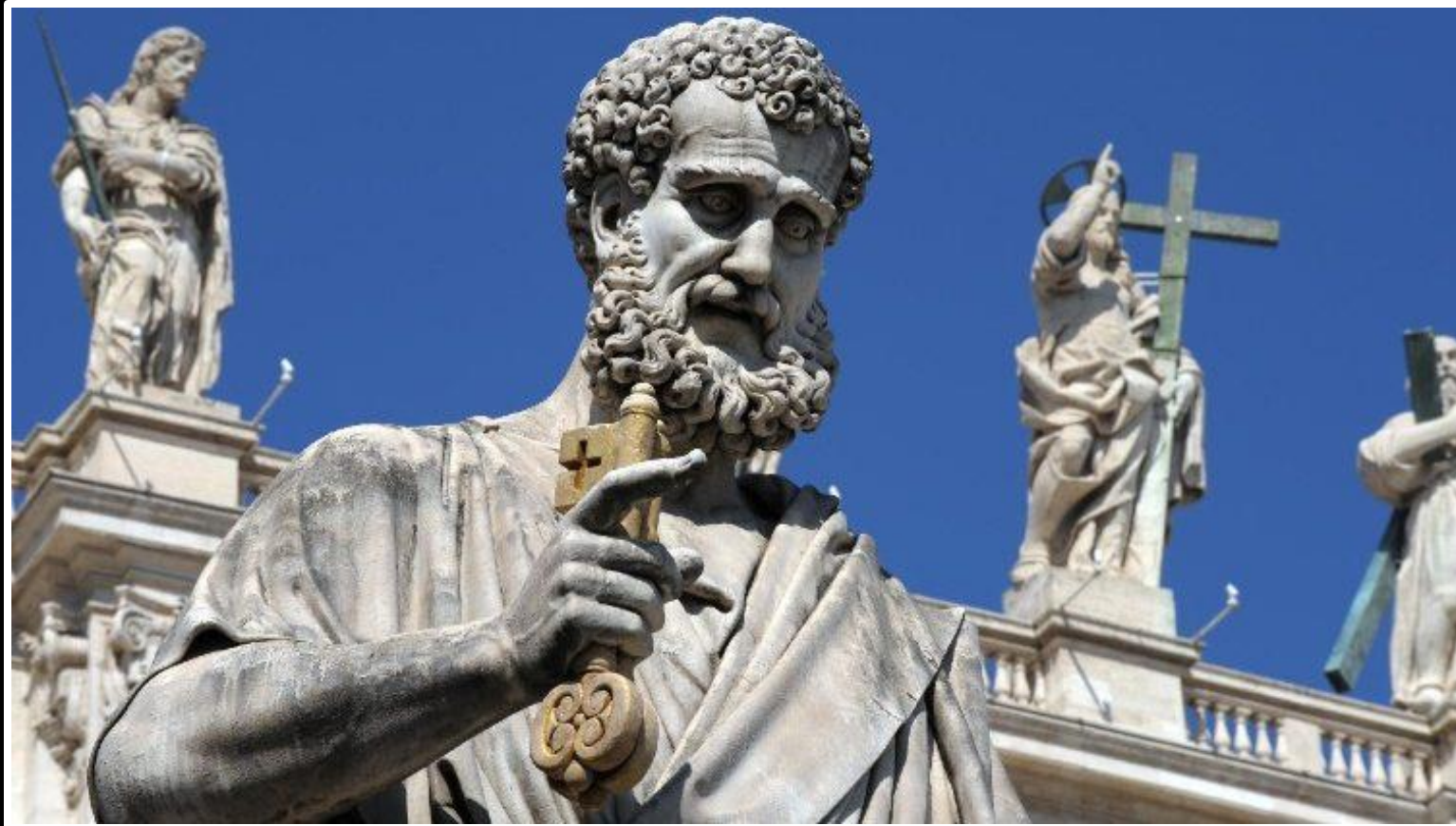
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“Jesus meant that the powers of death, Satan and his hosts doing their most powerful work of opposing life, would not prevail over the church. The church cannot die. This statement anticipated Jesus’ resurrection and the resurrection and translation of church saints. Even Jesus’ death would not prevent Him from building the church. Jesus’ church would be a living church just as Yahweh was the living God.”

**- Tom Constable**

# Matthew 16:13-20

- What are “the keys of the kingdom”? (16:19)





# Matthew 16:13-20

**Key Question: Who do you say that Jesus is?**

- 1) He is the Christ (Messiah)
- 2) He is the Rock (Foundation of the Church)
- 3) He is the One who chooses us and uses us.

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## Next Week

James & John: “You Will Drink My Cup.”  
(*Matthew 20:20-28*)

# Discussion Questions

- 1) Who do you say that Jesus is? A prophet? A good teacher? Or “the Christ, the Son of the Living God”?**
- 2) What confidence should we have knowing that the “gates of hell shall not prevail against” Christ’s church?**

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