

Jesus and the Kingdom of God Matthew 16-28

Who is Jesus? Mar 5 Caesarea Philippi 16:13-28 Is Jesus Fully God? 2. Mar 12 17:1-13 **Transfiguration** What Is Required? 19:16-26 **Rich Young Ruler Mar 19** More than a Prophet 21:1-11 **Triumphant Entry** 4. Mar 26 Parable If I Reject Jesus? 21:33-45 Wicked Tenants 5. Apr 2 Parable Happy Easter 6. Apr 9 Offered to All? 22:1-14 **Wedding Banquet** 7. Apr 16 Where Is Jesus? 28:1-15 Resurrection Parable 24:36-51 8. Apr 23 What About the Future? Thief in Night **How Do We Remember?** 9. Apr 30 26:36-46 Last Supper 10. May 7 Do I Have the Strength? **26:36-46** Gethsemane 11. May 14 Loyal? 26-63-75 Peter's Denial 12. May 21 Crucified 27:41-52 Crucifixion 13. May 28 What Do We Do Now? 28:16-20 Great Commission

Lesson Author's Theme

Jesus is the Christ to whom all of Scripture points

Matthew

16:21-28

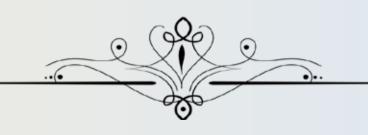
16:13-14 Misunderstood Identity – Who Do the *PEOPLE* Say?

16:15-16 True Identity – Who Do YOU Say?—Messiah

16:17-20 New Identity – Upon This Rock & Keys to Heaven

Cross Identity – To Jerusalem to Take Up Cross







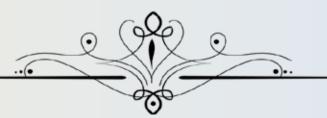
Key Verse Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.

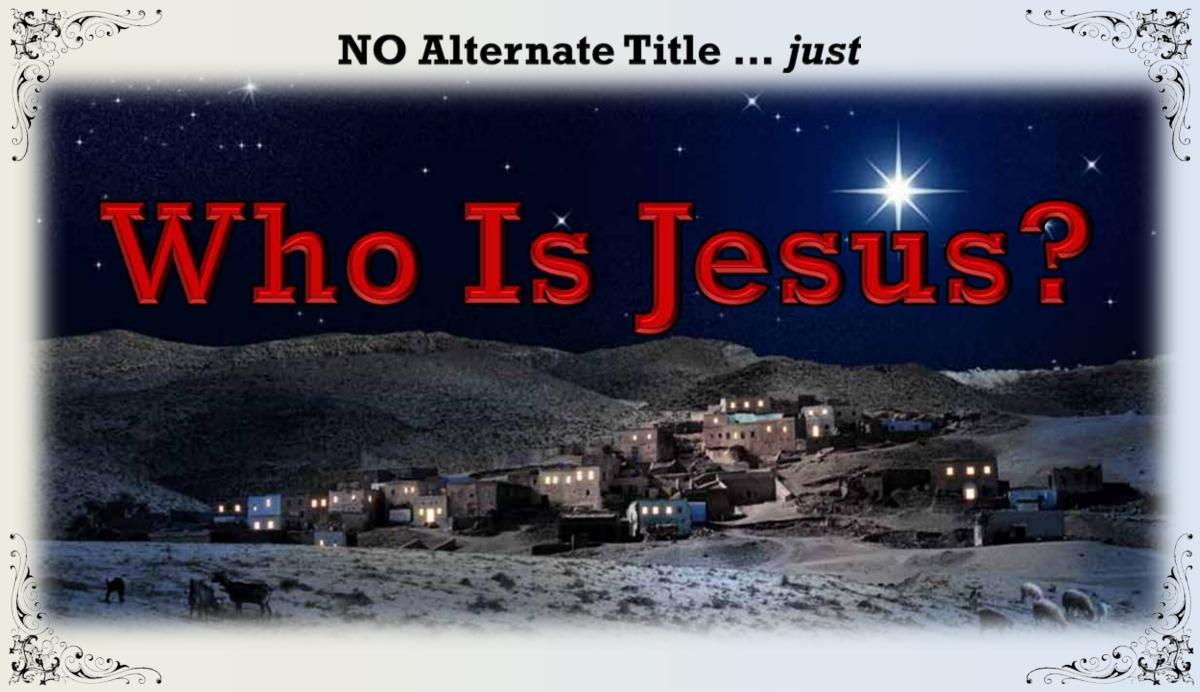
Just so you know: ROCK is Jesus Christ

KEYS to Heaven = Gospel Message

though these two are not settled 100%







Book of Matthew

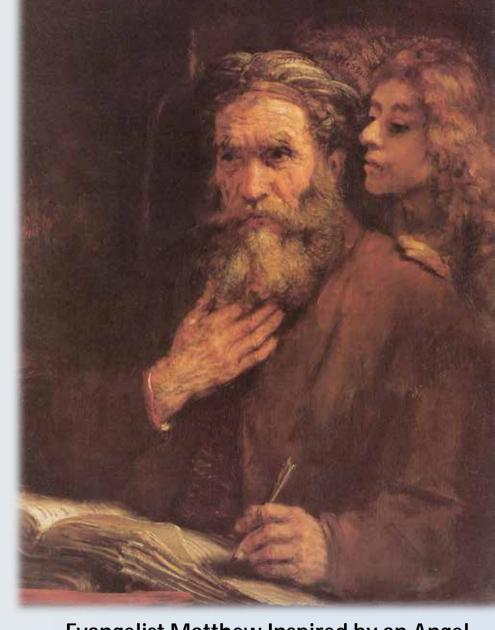
Matthew ... former hated tax gatherer
Now a disciple ... wrote this book
Yet, secular & liberal scholars say, "No"
Conservative scholars say "YES" ...

Many good scholars see Matthew using, adding and clarifying Gospel of Mark

PLACE of authorship: impossible to see

Do read the Book of Matthew with the end in mind

Matt. 28:16-20



Evangelist Matthew Inspired by an Angel circa 1660 by Rembrandt

Book of Matthew

Matthew: JESUS, the fulfillment of O.T. prophecy as the Messiah

JESUS – fulfillment of covenants with Abraham and David

"Kingdom" appears about 100x

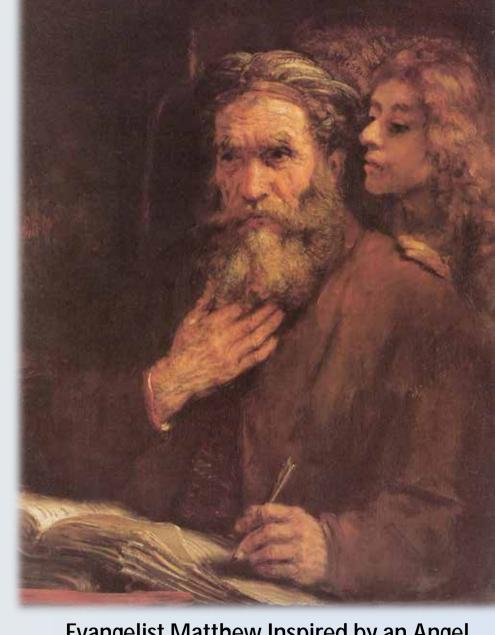
"Kingdom of Heaven" 32x

Almost certainly written after Mark,

- > after Nero burned Rome A.D. 64
- > before Temple destroyed in A.D. 70
- > though several believe after A.D. 70

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Matt. 28:16-20



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¹³ Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi We begin our study midway ...

Matthew chapter 16
where we are in Caesarea Philippi

Interesting to note ... even fun ... is that we begin *near* Galilee and *return to Galilee*

The end, in Matthew 28:16-20 ...

where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.



From chapters 16-28, they go back to Galilee

Matthew 28:16-20 ...

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

GAU Sea of **Galilee**

And Jesus left the "organization" up to us ...

13 Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi

Ancient Paneas, renamed Caesarea Philippi by Tetrarch Herod Philip to honor Emperor Tiberius, who reigned A.D. 14-37

3rd century B.C. Ptolemaic kings built cult center

Remnants Pan temple with Pan's grotto

Site of Peter's confession

Very active spring of fresh water there



Upper Galilee

Cadasa (Kedesh

13 Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi

Remnants Pan temple with Pan's grotto

See several grottos today

Two-named Caesarea Philippi evolved to distinguish it from coastal Caesarea

These are for the worship & veneration of

Greek God Pan

No, not Peter Pan



Pan = Greek God of the "wild" and of shepherds and nature

This sculpture shows Pan teaching the shepherd Daphnis to play the pipes

1st century A.D. Roman copy found in Pompeii after Vesuvius blew its top (copy of c. 100 B.C. Greek original)

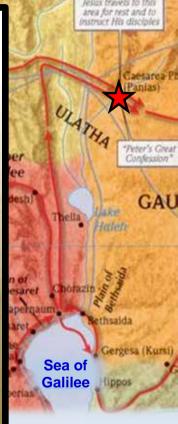
We get our word "Panic" from Pan

He's an active, agile fellow with hindquarters, legs, horns of a GOAT

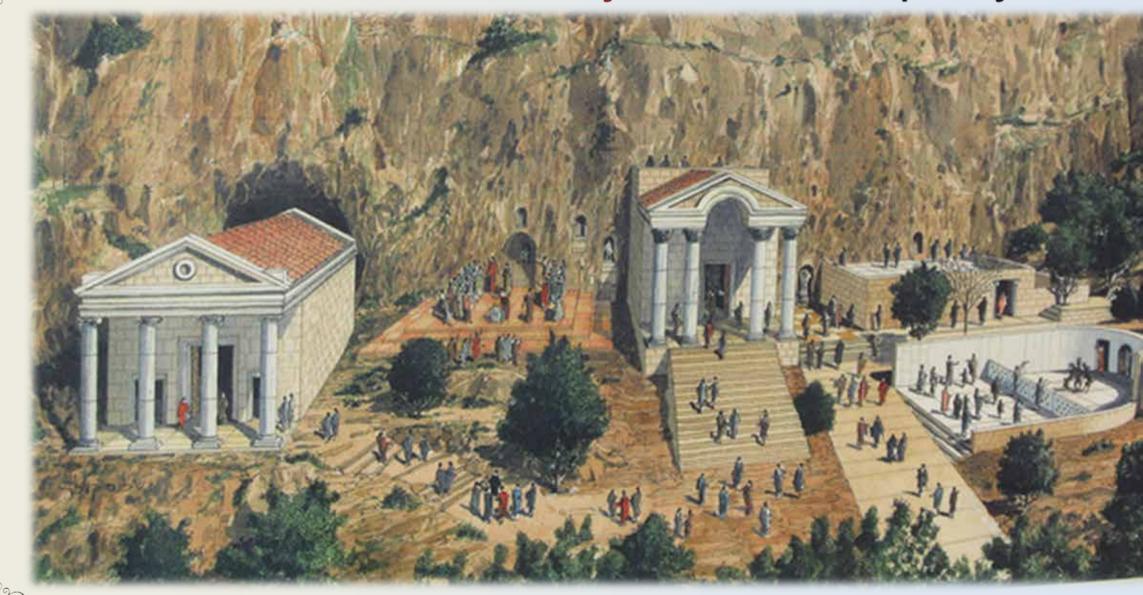
He often has a couple of nymphs in tow

Pan is a nasty fellow ...









Reconstruction of Roman sanctuary of Pan at Caesarea Philippi in Jesus' time

16:13-14 Misunderstood Identity –

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi ...

At foot of Mt. Hermon range, near the head waters of the Jordan River

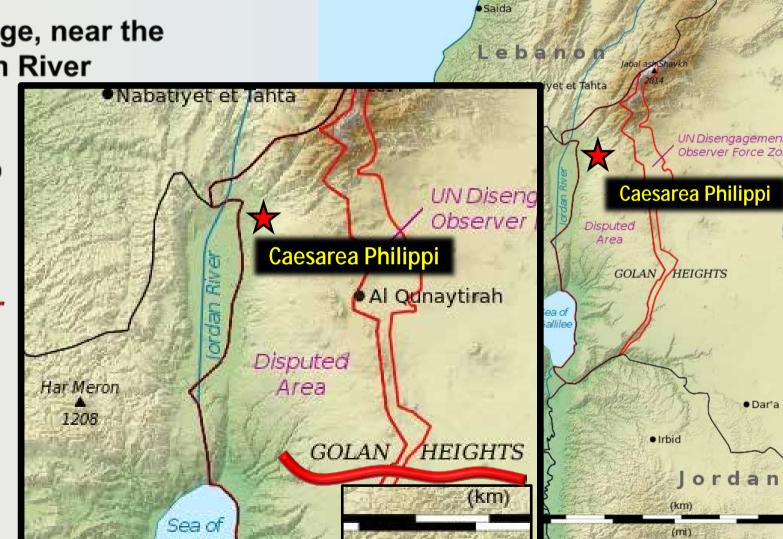
See a closer look > > >

Notice this MODERN map has the Golan Heights

Critical to Israel—WHY?

Major fresh watershed for the entire country!

Control the WATER ... you control the country!



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Here they are ...

in the cult center of Pan,

the nasty Goat God

Holy Jesus asked his disciples that ALL-IMPORTANT question



"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

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



Now then ...

NO one today believes in Pan.

But some DO believe in Buddha

Some believe Muhammed was a real prophet and will KILL you today for abusing his name

Some believe Yin/Yang ... and Hokey Pokey

Most of you have been to Houston, Dallas ... and much farther ...

Who do people say the Son of Man is—TODAY?

One obvious difference is that Jesus is not physically here walking and healing ... and telling us parables and asking us himself



15 "But you," He asked them, "who do you say that I am?"

While the other disciples were thinking, Peter speaks up

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered,

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

Peter got that RIGHT ...

Messiah = "Anointed One" in Hebrew

Messiah is translated in Greek as "Christos"

Jews looked for an "Anointed One," an Anointed One to deliver them ... Isaiah prophesied that he would suffer

Matt. 16:20, Jesus says to NOT tell others about his being Messiah!

Jesus downplays this to near the last

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Important: the QUESTION is different to Peter We've had 2,000 years of history in the church Peter & 12 disciples had 2 years ... that is all By Matthew chapter 16:1, Jesus did 17 miracles Only John gave 1st: Water into Wine @ Cana Matthew reports all other 16 miracles Mark reported 13 of 17 ... Luke 10, John 3

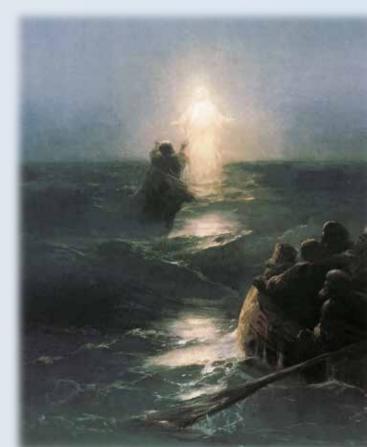


Marriage at Cana by Mattia Preti (1613-99)

Matthew reports all other 16 miracles

Only John gave 1st miracle: Water into Wine at Cana Wedding

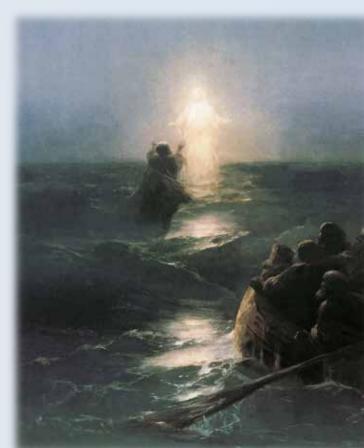
- 2. 4:23 Many Healings
- 3. 8:1 Healing of a Leper
- 4. 8:5 Healing Roman Centurion's Servant
- 5. 8:14 Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law
- 6. 8:23 Calming of the Storm at Sea
- 7. 8:28 Healing Wild Men of Gadara
- 8. 9:1 Healing of the Lame Man
- 9. 9:20 Healing Woman with Hemorrhage



Matthew reports all other 16 miracles

- 10. 9:23 Raising of Jairus' Daughter
- 11. 9:27 Healing of Two Blind Men
- 12. 9:32 Healing of Demon-Possessed Man
- 13. 12:10 Healing of Man with Withered Han
- 14. 14:15 Feeding of 5,000
- 15. 14:22 Walking on the Sea
- 16. 15:21 Healing of Syro-phoenician's Daughter
- 17. 15:32 Feeding of 4,000

You KNOW what that means!!!



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"You are the MESSIAH, the Son of the LIVING GOD!""

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There is NO OTHER answer for the HONEST

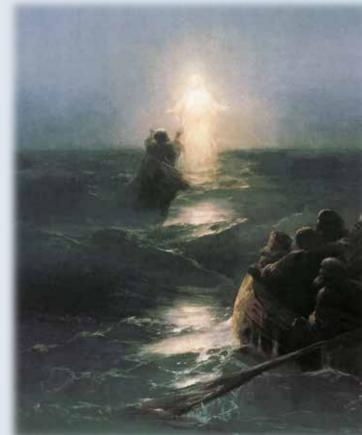
Like the Poor Blind Beggar Bartimaeus that Jesus heals later (in Mark 8)

Peter and the 12 could have ALL said the same

All I know is that I was blind ...

But NOW I SEEEEE ...

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone



Jesus walks on water, 1888, by Ivan Aivazovsky (1817-1900)

¹⁷ And Jesus responded, "Simon son of Jonah, you are blessed because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father in heaven."

You understand now ...
the miracles ALONE did NOT do it

Miracles alone NEVER fully convince ...

If you CANNOT see Christ with you HEART, you NEVER SEE

Even the Demons BELIEVE and shudder ...

By faith we LOOK and God REVEALS



Statue St. Peter at Archbasilica of St. John Lateran by Pierre-Étienne Monnot

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this ROCK I WILL BUILD My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.

¹⁹ I will give you the KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, and whatever you BIND ON EARTH is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven."

Perhaps the HARDEST to interpret in N.T.

And more important than another VERY controversial passage ...



Saint Peter, c.1616-18, by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

Another controversial passage:

1 Peter 3:19-20, "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison"

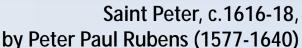
If you were here last October, we dived into this in great detail ...

Oct. 9, 2016 – 1 Peter 3:13-22
To Hades and Back for You!
See original PowerPoint Show



Two slides inform ...





1 Pet. 3:18-20a Christ Preached to the Spirits in Prison

19-20 In that state He also went and made a PROCLAMATION TO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while an ark was being prepared. Here are five views ...

- 1. Christ descended to Hades (place of dead) to preach
- 2. Christ descended to Tartarus (realm below Hades in Greek mythology) to preach judgment to fallen angels
- 3. Christ descended to realm of Hades called Paradise where Saints of O.T. were held until atonement was finished on Golgotha
- 4. Preexistent Christ preached to disobedient through Noah
- 5. Christ proclaimed victory to disobedient "spirits" in the past who were STILL operating in A.D. 33 after crucifixion

1 Pet. 3:18-20a Christ Preached to the Spirits in Prison

5. Christ proclaimed victory to "disobedient spirits" in the past who were still operating in A.D. 33 AFTER Christ's crucifixion

Consistent with New Testament cosmology RIDDLED with "spirits"

Ephesian 6:11-12

Put on the FULL ARMOR OF GOD, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the RULERS, against the AUTHORITIES, against the POWERS OF THIS DARK WORLD and against the SPIRITUAL FORCES of evil in the HEAVENLY REALMS.

Relationship with Matt. 16: CHRIST has authority over ALL
Christ is working through the Church against Dark World

On this ROCK I will build MY CHURCH, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.

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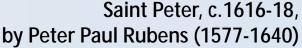
What does this passage mean?

Clarity of the SPIRITUAL cannot be clearer

Nature of who, what and where is NOT CLEAR

Roman Catholic Church has an answer





What does this passage mean?

We cannot escape the Roman Catholic Church

The "KEYS" and the "UPON this ROCK" refer to the Seat of Rome ... the Pope

RCC sees the Pope as the chosen of God in DIRECT line from First Pope, St. Peter

Iconography is ALL over the RCC for 1,700+ years, back to Constantine the Great

Constantine legalized Christianity A.D. 313

CATHOLIC Church really gets boost here



Saint Peter, c.1616-18, by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)



- ü Crossed Keys symbolize the Keys of Heaven entrusted to Simon Peter
- ü Gold Key symbolizes power in the kingdom of the heavens
- Silver Key symbolizes spiritual authority of the papacy on earth
- Cord with bows unites the GRIPS symbolizing bond between two powers
- **ü** Triple Crown = Pope's Three Offices
 - **ü** Supreme Pastor
 - **ü** Supreme Teacher
 - **ü** Supreme Priest
- **ü** Gold Cross on top = Sovereignty of Jesus the smallest part ?



Coat of Arms of Holy See







Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, Rome

Frist of four major basilicas of Rome

Cathedral of the bishop of Rome, the Pope

known as the:

"Cathedral of Rome and of the World."

Lateran Palace came to Constantine the Great (c. A.D. 330) gave it to Bishop of Rome. It stands over the remains of Fort of the Roman imperial cavalry bodyguards est. by Septimius Severus in AD 193.

LOOK SEE at the statue of Peter inside



Close up of
St. Peter with Keys to
Kingdom of Heaven
by Pierre-Étienne Monnot

inside the Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, Rome

known as the:

"Cathedral of Rome and of the World."

Roman Catholic Church has so developed this over many centuries ...

Even from at least A.D. 330 ... since the reign of Constantine ... through Dark Ages

The RCC was THE CHURCH ...

You can get Bumper Stickers with the Holy See's Coat of Arms

For the RCC, the "Rock" was Peter the first Pope

Keys of spiritual authority were given to Peter and that office prevails to today

Protestant churches came from the RCC



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18 On this ROCK I will build MY CHURCH ...

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What does this passage mean?

In the Gospels, Jesus never ORGANIZED

Neither did Peter, the Rock

Protestant Reformation 1517, 500 years ago

BEGAN to REFORM the Catholic Church

Ended with FREE Churches starting ...



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What does this passage mean?

Several Protestant views on "Rock" include:

- ✓ Peter Himself (like RCC)
- ✓ Christ Himself

✓ Faith of Peter

✓ Combination

✓ Confession of Peter

ALSO, word "church" appears in Matthew 2x here 16:18, and 18:17—no "real church" yet



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What does this passage mean?

Jesus did not "organize" a church!

Jesus "Called Out" a People of God

KINGDOM came with Jesus Christ

"Called Out People of God" ARE the Church

His "body" on earth for His KINGDOM work



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18 ROCK I will build MY CHURCH ...

19 What does this passage mean?

ROCK is Jesus Christ

KEYS to Heaven ARE the Gospel Message

Affirmed by Peter & Matthew CLOSING Matt 28

Who'd Peter quote in 1 Pet. 2:7?—Isaiah 28:16

So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a STONE in Zion, a TESTED STONE, a PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic."

Who'd Isaiah mean: Peter or Jesus?



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What does this passage mean?

Peter HIMSELF tells us in 1 Peter 2:4-8

4-5 As you come to him, the Living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will NEVER be put to shame."



Saint Peter, c.1616-18, by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

Furthermore,

7-8 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

ROCK is Jesus Christ

KEYS to Heaven = Gospel Message

That is CONFIRMED by Peter NEXT

See what Peter says here in Matthew 16

That is, Peter is rebuked as Satan ...



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²¹ From then on Jesus began to point out to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be RAISED THE THIRD DAY.

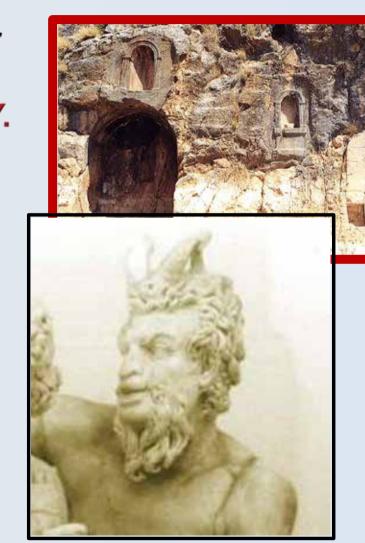
Bear in mind, vs 21 is a SUMMARY of MANY dialogues ... they are still in Northern Israel, Caesarea Philippi

Here we are, "FROM THEN ON,

Jesus BEGAN to point"

How long were they in Caesarea Philippi, home of the worship of Pan, the Nasty Goat God

We don't know ... but next chapter gives a hint



Then in next lesson, we are told in Matt 17:1,

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James, John ... to a high mountain."

So much MISSING on Jesus's work ...

All we have are FOUR short gospel letters ...

John 21:25 so TRUE:

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the

WORLD itself could NOT contain the BOOKS that SHOULD be written. Amen.



Transfiguration, c. 1520, by Raphael

²¹ From then on Jesus began to point out to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be RAISED THE THIRD DAY.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, "Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to You!"

You HAVE to admire Peter ... that's what LOYAL friends do

As for the "church" – what does Peter know?

NOTHING ... the only thing that Peter knows is

As for me and my house, we follow Jesus—Messiah

John 14:6, Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me

Hah ... I really feel for Peter here ...

Jesus continues

23 But Jesus turned and told Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me because you're not thinking about God's concerns, but man's."

Peter stood shocked ... I am sure

- ✓ Perhaps Jesus was being HEATED & sarcastic to make the point of Peter MISSING the point
- ✓ Perhaps Peter was TRULY influenced by Satan
- ✓ Perhaps Jesus was ACTUALLY talking to Satan

 Whatever, this led Jesus to CLARIFY



Peter with Keys, 1611 by Peter Paul Rubens

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to deep the must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

And we know from Acts ... yes, Peter would too

What does that mean, "Take up his cross"?

Think about it ... as I know everyone has

"Take up his cross"—part of our cultural vocabulary

Many people of every religion TALK about it

In cinema too – who has NOT has a "Cross" to bear?



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On the CROSS ... Christ TOTALLY gave his life for us

Cross = Ultimate Self-Sacrifice

²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will find it.

What will it benefit a man if he gains the whole world yet loses his life?
 Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?

Christ makes a case ... pretty clear case for WHY we should bear a CROSS

In THIS life ... the BEST LIFE ...

Is a life of LIVING for OTHERS ...

Even for God and Others

Our LIFE is best when LIVED for others No Real Life without a CROSS



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²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will reward each according to what he has done.

SOMETIME ... in the future ... Christ will come again

WHEN he comes ... somehow ...

our "works" will be rewarded ...

Our CROSS ... our SERVICE to others

Somehow ... our LOVE for God & Others
Will be rewarded ... as God in Christ sees fit

Love for God and Others – truly the Great Commands



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Then in closing this ... Christ says something ASTOUNDING ... definitive, clear, amazing

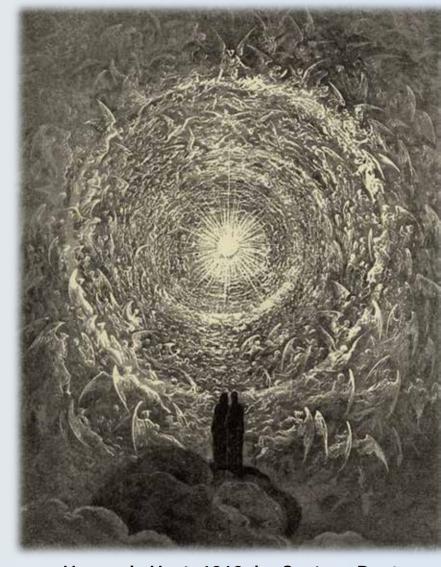
28 I assure you: There are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

SOME of the disciples will SEE the ... WHAT?

Son of Man Coming in His Kingdom

Some disciples would SEE HIS Kingdom before they died ... meaning

Church Working – Christ Working



Heavenly Host, 1868, by Gustave Dorė illustrating Dante's Divine Comedy (1472)

Oh ... what can we say ...

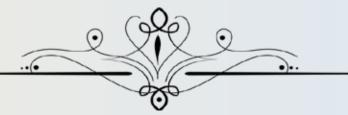
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord....

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him!

Be jubilant, my feet! ... Our God is marching on!



How then shall we live No Better Living than the LIVING for God & Others

Nazareth, 1842, The Holy Land, by David Roberts

FBC Woodville Sunday School Class Michael G. Maness



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