

Series "Behold Your King"
"Who Is Jesus?"
Matthew 16:13-20
Part-76

1 Timothy 3:15

I want to draw **6 Questions from our passage this morning.**

Outline

1. Who Is Jesus?
2. What Is "Upon This Rock" Mean?
3. What Does "Church" Mean?
4. What Does "Gates Of Hades," Mean?
5. What Are "The Keys Of The Kingdom Of Heaven?"
6. What Is "Binding And Loosing?"

Mark 8:22

Today **Caesarea Philippi** is called *Banias*, which is a corrupted Arabic form of *Panias*.

Pictures #1, #2

Worship of Nature (Pan) The half-man half-goat god of fright (thus "panic")

Worship of Man (Caesar)

Pictures #3, #4

1. Who Is Jesus? "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:14

Matthew 14:1-2

Malachi 4:5-6

Matthew 16:15

"But who do you say that I am?" In the Greek it is emphatic
"But you (plural) who do you say me to be?"

Matthew 16:16

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Literally
said, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the God, the living One."*

John 5:18

Matthew 16:17

Matthew 11:25-27

Matthew 16:18

2. What Is "Upon This Rock" Mean?

Some suggestions are...

1. Peter is the Rock – The Roman Catholic Church concludes that Jesus has appointed Peter and his successors to head the church, the popes.

Matthew 16:21-23

Galatians 2

2. Peter's Confession is the Rock – The faith that was expressed by him was the rock upon which he would build his

church. It was upon the faith of his confession not Peter but the faith.

3. Christ is the Rock – you are Peter - *petros* – “a stone, pebble” and upon this rock – *petra* – “a large rock, bedrock, foundation stone” I will build My church;

Psalm 118:22

Isaiah 28:16

Matthew 21:42

Acts 4:10-12

1 Corinthians 3:11

3. What Does “Church” Mean? I will build My church;

Church - Greek word *ekklesia* from the English word “ecclesiastical,” referring to things that pertain to the church.

Church - literal meaning is “a called-out assembly.”

The word is used 114 times in the New Testament and in 90 of these references, a local church (assembly). This first use of *ekklesia*, Jesus had the whole church in mind.

Build – “gradual building up”

Note what Jesus calls this Church - “My church”

Each believer in this church is a “living stone” 1 Peter 2:5

4. What Does “Gates Of Hades,” Mean? Gates of Hades

Picture #5

And the gates of Hades shall not overpower it. “The gates of Hades” symbolize “the organized power of death and Satan.”

Hebrews 2:14

Matthew 16:19

5. What Are "The Keys Of The Kingdom Of Heaven?"

"Keys" symbolizes *"authority, the authority to open and close doors"*

Revelation 1:18

Jews at Pentecost **Acts 2**

To the Samaritans **Acts 8:14**

To the Gentiles **Acts 10**

Acts 15:7

Acts 14:27

What Are "The Keys Of The Kingdom Of Heaven?" Opening the door of salvation thru faith. Preaching the message by which the lost are saved.

6. What Is "Binding And Loosing?"

Matthew 18:18

Every believer has the authority to proclaim freedom and judgment.

Matthew 16:20

Application:

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John 14:6