

Mt 16:13-27

- 13-20 Identity of Jesus (vv13,16,20)
- 21-23 The Christ must suffer & die (v21)
- 24-27 Following Christ demands “losing one’s life” (v25)

vv 13-20 - *Identity of Jesus*

people vv 13-14 ... apostles vv 15-16 ... Jesus vv 17-18

13...“Who do people say *that the Son of Man is?*”

14 And they said, “Some say ...”

15 ...“But who do you say *that I am?*”

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, “*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*”

17 And Jesus answered and said ..., “... flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

18 “I also say ... *upon this rock* ...” NASB.

“The Christ, the Son of the living God”

- **Gen 3:15** - “seed of the woman” .. “bruise the serpent’s head”
- **Gen 12:3** - “The “seed of Abram” ... all fam. blessed
- **Ex 12,13** - The “Lamb” of God ... deliver. (Passover)
- **Lev 16** - The “High Priest” and the “atonement” sac.
- **Num** - The “Rock” of “living Water” (**1Co 10:4**)
- **Dt 18** - The “Prophet”
- **2Sam 7**- The “King” (**v19 ... v28**)
- **Isaiah** - The “Servant of Jehovah”
- **Jn 1:1-3,14,18** - “The Son of the living God”

“Upon **This Rock** ... My Church” vv18-19

NOT Peter

- Petros ... petra
- **Mt 18:1** (later) He nor other apostles knew it
- **1Co 3:11** J.=foundtn; **Eph 2:20** J.=cor.; ALL apos. in f.
- **Gal 2:6,8-9** Paul *denies* others preem. (includ. Peter!)
- **Jn 20:22-23** Similar statement to ALL apostles (**v19**)
- **1Pt 2:5-7** Not mention. nor implied - golden oppor.!
- **Mt 16:22-23** Solid foundation? **Mt. 26:70; Gal 2:11**

Nor ANY other man, or group of men!

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IS Jesus is the Christ

- Context vv 13,15,16
- Acts of Apostles 2:36...38..41...47; 3:13,26...4:4; 4:10-12; 5:42..6:1; 8:5,12; 8:35...37; etc.
- Epistles: e.g., Eph. 1:3...22,23; 2:13...16; 3:6; 4:15; 5:23; 6:23-24 (note - every chapter)

The “church” is that body of people who have placed their trust in and have committed themselves in loyal obedience to Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.

vv21-23 - *The Christ must suffer and die*

- Not understood **Lk 24:44-48...Ac 2:23; 3:15; 4:10,11; etc...26:22-23**
- Not popular **1Co 1:23-24...26-29**

**v24-27 - Following Christ
demands “losing one’s life”**

24 ... **deny himself, and take up his cross ...**

25 “... **loses his life** for My sake ...” NASB.

Lk 9:23, “daily”

*Those who “follow Christ” must be willing to
follow “the way of the cross”!*