

# Matthew 16

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## IV. The King's Adversaries (13–17)

Note Jesus' travels:

**13:1**—by the Sea of Galilee

:54—Nazareth

**14:13**—a deserted place by Himself

:23—a mountain, by Himself, to pray

:25—on the Sea of Galilee, walking!

:34—land of Gennesaret

**15:21**—Region of Tyre and Sidon

:29—Mountain near the Sea of Galilee

:39—Region of Magdala (, or Magadan)

**16:4-5**—other (east) side of Sea of Galilee

:13—Region of Caesarea Philippi

**17:1**—a high mountain (in Caesarea Philippi?)

:14—(down from the mountain in 17:1?)

:22—in Galilee

:24--Capernaum

## Matthew 16:1-4 Seeking a Sign out of Heaven

--Note Jesus' location (15:39)

--Note the motivation of the Pharisees and Sadducees  
(v.1)

The intensity of the opposition/persecution of Christ continues to escalate throughout chapters 13 to 17.

--Note the request (v.1)

“a sign from heaven”

“a sign out of heaven”

--Note Jesus' response (vv. 2-4)

Verbal—

--lack of spiritual discernment

--sign of the prophet Jonah (cf. 12:39)

Physical—“He left them and departed.”

## Matthew 16:5-12      Beware of False Doctrine

--Jesus' location      (v.5)

His disciples joined Him, having forgotten  
to include bread among their belongings.

--Jesus' warning/admonition (v.6)

Note the proactivity required.

--The disciples' misunderstanding (v.7)

--Jesus' rebuke and explanation (vv. 8-11)

"O you of little faith" See 15:28

"why do you reason among yourselves?"

"Do you not yet understand?" See 15:16-17

"(do you not yet) remember?" See 14:13, 15:32

"How is it you do not understand?"

--The disciples understanding (v.12)

--The Pharisees' teaching

--The Pharisees' lifestyle      See Luke 12:1

## Matthew 16:13-20 The Messiah, the Son of God

Note the location—v. 13

Question One: Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?

Wrong answers:

*A wrong or inadequate understanding of the person of the Lord Jesus Christ leads a person to Hell.*

Question Two: Who do you say that I am?

Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!!"

The Source of Peter's understanding: revelation v. 17

--The blessing

--The revelation's source

--negatively

--positively

Cf. Luke 10:22

John 1:11-13

John 6:44

Christ's further declarations: Matthew 16:18-19

"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church,"

"Peter"

"rock"

Note v. 20. Why did Jesus issue this command?

# **"I will build My church"**

Matthew 16:18

**I**

**Will**

**Build**

**My**

**Church**

## Some important truths from Matthew 16:18

The boulder upon which Christ is now building His church is His own person.

There was no church prior to this statement by Christ. (Old Testament Israel was not the church.)

The responsibility for building the church rests with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

The church belongs to Him, and must be subject to Him, not to men.

Christ will not fail in His task of building His church.

## Matthew 16:21-23 The Necessity of the Cross

“must” a necessity in the nature of the case

Jesus showed His disciples that He must:

1. Go to Jerusalem
2. Suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes
3. Be killed
4. Be raised the third day

The cross was an absolute necessity. There was no other way for the LORD to effect salvation for His chosen ones. It **MUST** have been this way.

Contrast 16:22-23 with 16:16-17.

## Matthew 16:24-28 The High Cost of Discipleship

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him

1. Deny himself
2. Take up his cross
3. Follow Me