

THE ONE BIG QUESTION

Matthew 16:13-26

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The declaration of authentic faith

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The implications of authentic faith:

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

A new s_____ of priorities

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The Greek word
χρηριστος (christos)
means "Anointed One"
or "Messiah"

A new s_____ of identity

A new s_____ of security

Peter's Life and Writings (week 3 of 5)

Matthew 16:13-26 ~ Mark 8:27-38 ~ Luke 9:18-27
John 6:60-69 ~ 1 Peter 3:1-7 ~ 1 Peter 3:8-22

Name: _____

Circle one:

- A – I have **A**lready believed and accepted Jesus
- B – I am **B**elieving today and confessing this truth for the first time
- C – I am **C**onsidering what I have heard today
- D – I **D**on't see myself taking this step of belief in the near future