

Confronting Our Confession

(Matthew 16.13-27)

- I. Confessing _____ regarding the _____ of Jesus. (Matthew 16.16-20)
 - A. Peter's certainty met with divine approval (v 16-17).
 - B. After all, this is the bedrock/foundation of the saved. (v 18-20; cf. John 14.6; Acts 4.12)

- II. Confessing _____ in the _____ of Jesus. (Matthew 16.21-23)
 - A. Regarding salvation, church, worship, family, brethren, morals, etc...
 - B. Even when, and especially when, we think differently! (v 23; cf. Colossians 3.1-4)

- III. Confessing _____ to the _____ of Jesus. (Matthew 16.24-26; cf. Luke 6.46; James 2.26)
 - A. Even when it's hard, we must take up the cross...
 - B. Self-denial, bearing the pain, daily sacrifice (Luke 9.23), enduring reproach.

- IV. Conclusion —
 - A. Many will confess *conviction*, some will confess *trust*, but very few will truly confess *submission*...
 - B. "But who do you say that [Jesus is]?"
 - C. "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and **WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.**" (Matthew 16.27)