

## 22-- Peter's Confession and Rebuke

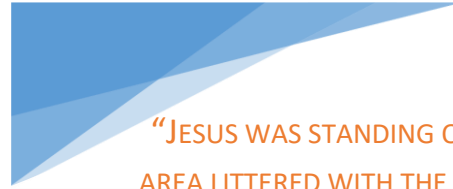
Matthew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27-9:1; Luke 9:18-27

1. Jesus is visiting the towns of Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27; Luke 9:18). Do a bit of research about this city from a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia. Religiously, what was this city like in the first century? What questions does Jesus ask His disciples here in this place?

2. What was the initial answer of the disciples to this question Jesus asked? What was Peter's answer (Matthew 16:14-16; Mark 8:28-29; Luke 9:19-20)?

3. Based on Peter's confession, what was Jesus going to build and what would be incapable of stopping it (Matthew 16:17-20; Mark 8:30; Luke 9:21)?

4. Clearly, Peter is given a role in Matthew 16:19. The well-known Catholic argument is that Peter was being appointed as the first pope in this passage. However, what passage indicates all of the apostles were given "binding" and "loosing" authority by Jesus (Matthew 18:18)? In what specific way does Peter open the gates of the kingdom (cf. Acts 2, 10)?



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5. From this point on, what does Jesus reveal about His future to His disciples (Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22)?

6. How does Peter respond to this revelation of Jesus (Matthew 16:22-23; Mark 8:32-33)? How does Jesus respond to Peter?

7. In this text, we see Peter being openly commended then forcefully rebuked. If the apostles were not beyond such honest treatment, what lessons can we learn from this in our own lives?

8. Peter seemed to think Jesus was “too good” to deserve to suffer. Yet, what lessons about Himself and discipleship did Jesus want His disciples to learn (see Matt 16:24-25; Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:23-24)?

9. Jesus asks two key questions to highlight the real choice we have to make as disciples. What are those questions (Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36-37; Luke 9:25)?

10. Let’s make this real. What, for you, is the hardest part about living for Jesus and overcoming the world? Is it the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, or the pride of life? When you think of Jesus and His disciples’ ever-growing popularity, what was the hardest thing about knowing Jesus would soon die?