

Peter's Confession of Christ (Matthew 16:1-20)

- I. The Demand for a Sign (1-4)
- II. The Yeast of the Pharisees+Sadducees (5-12)
- III. Peter's Confession of Christ (13-20)

“Simon Peter answered, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Mat 16:16)

- A. Who Do You Say I Am? (13-16)
- B. I Will Build My Church (17-20)

Introduction

- 4th Narrative (14-17)-Discourse (18)
 - 14:1-16:20 The Identity of Messiah Revealed
 1. 14:1-36 Into the Heart of Jesus
 2. 15:1-39 Hypocrisy and Great Faith
 - 3. 16:1-20 Peter's Confession of Christ**
 4. 16:21-28 Jesus Predicts His Death
 - 16:21-17:27 The Suffering of Messiah Revealed
- Chapter 16: The Turning Point
 - “Messianic Secret” (20)
 - Must a Christian go to “Church”?

The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees (1-12)

A. The Demand for a Sign (1-4)

- “a sign from heaven” (1)
- “the signs of the times” (2-3)
- “except the sign of Jonah” (4; cf. 12:39-41)
- Nature of Faith [Luke 16:31; 1Cor 1:22-24]

B. The Yeast of the Pharisees+Sadducees (5-12)

- “Be on your guard against the yeast” (6, 11, 12)
- Not “Bread” but “the Teaching” (8-11)
- Separatism and Compromise [Unbelief: Rejecting Messiah by Legalism/Liberalism]

Peter's Confession of Christ (13-20)

A. Who Do You Say I Am? (13-16)

- “Caesarea Philippi” [Caesar is Lord]
- “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
- “But what about you?”
- Simon Peter: “You are the Christ.”

B. I Will Build My Church (17-20)

- “Blessed are you” (17)
- “You are Peter, and on this rock” (18)
- “the keys of the kingdom of heaven” (19)

Applications: Who is Jesus?

❖ **Who Do *You* Say Jesus Is?**

- **Personal Confession**
- **Our Confession of Faith ← Apostolic Confession**
- **Human Reason and God's Revelation**
 - **Ethan Allen: *Reason: the Only Oracle of Man***
 - ***Dying Testimonies of the Saved and Unsaved*: The Advice Of Ethan Allen, The Noted Infidel, To His Dying Daughter--***“Cling to your mother's Savior”*****
- **How Does Jesus Build His Church?**
 - **“On this Rock” “the Gates of Hades” (18)**
 - **Acts and Church History**
 - **Apostolic Confession of Faith (Mat 28:18-20; Act 1:8)**