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Series: Googled | Matthew 16:13-19

WHO IS JESUS?

Matthew 16:13 (NIV) *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" [14] They 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?"*

Matthew 16:16 (NIV) *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

World: It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere.

Matthew 16:16 (NIV) *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." [17] Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.*

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV) *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9] not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Sin is a big, universal problem.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

The Effects of Sin

- Blinded by Satan (2 Cor 4:4)
- Born in sin (Psalm 51:5)
- Have a sinful nature (Ephesians 2:3)
- Spread to all humanity (Romans 5:12)
- Objects of wrath (Romans 9:22)

Matthew 16:18 (ESV) *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

1 Peter 2:4 (NIV) *As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— [5] you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 16:19 (NIV) *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven*.

Acts 4:12 (NIV) *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved*.

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