

# THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

The Life of Peter: From Fisherman to Follower of Jesus — Study # 5  
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## Who is Jesus?

John 14:6

## Text: Matthew 16:13-20

### The Identity of Jesus: the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of God (16:13-16)

The confession of Peter:

1. The Christ — Messiah — “\_\_\_\_\_ One” — God's \_\_\_\_\_ to all problems
2. Son of the living God — the “\_\_\_\_\_” God

### The Followers of Jesus: the Church (16:17-20)

Note: Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ in Peter even knowing that he would \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Identity of the Church (16:18)
  - A. The word “church” means a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of people
  - B. The universal church — \_\_\_\_\_ believers everywhere
2. The Foundation of the Church (16:18)

What is the foundation (rock) of the church?

  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ himself  
Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 3:11;  
1 Peter 2:4-6

- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ revealed through Peter’s confession — true
  - C. Peter’s \_\_\_\_\_ — spark that started the fire
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ himself  
Ephesians 2:19-20
  - E. Peter as \_\_\_\_\_ of all the disciples  
Ephesians 2:20
3. The Strength of the Church (16:18)
    - A. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't stop the church.
    - B. Hell's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ cannot stop the church.
  4. The Authority of the Church (16:19)

This authority given to \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples.  
John 20:22-23; Matthew 18:18

## Conclusion

Matthew 7:24-27