



Telling Jesus No

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Matthew 16:13-24

Today we come to the high point and perhaps the low point in the life of Peter, the one called Rock. Here, Peter boldly declares who Jesus is...yet a few moments later he is totally off base regarding what Jesus had come to do! And it is here that Jesus clarifies His person, His mission & His message:

1. "My Church is built upon **a confession**" (16:13-17).
2. "My Church is more powerful **than culture**" (16:18-20).
3. "My Church has one **primary message**" (16:21-24).

THE **ONE THING**: **Never forget who owns the Church.**

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Matthew 16:16.
- Is your confession a statement or an act of surrender?
- Connect the rock theme with Matthew 7:24-27.
- Pray Colossians 4:2-6 and look for open doors.

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Do you remember the time when it became clear to you who Jesus really is? What happened? Was it a time of revelation for you, a time of surrender, or both?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 What does Jesus have to say about what it looks like to follow Him in Matthew 16:24-26?
- 3 The evil one wants to silence the Good News about Jesus Christ. From the following verses, how does he attempt to do so? What is called for in facing this opposition?
 - a. Acts 4:18-20, 31-33
 - b. Acts 5:28-33
 - c. Ephesians 6:18-20
 - d. 1 Peter 3:13-15

TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Ask God to provide you with opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with those around you (Colossians 4:2-6).

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Marvelous Light](#)

[Cornerstone](#)

[Abide With Me](#)

[Great I Am](#)

[Rock of Ages](#)