

**Christ Will Build His Church**  
**Matthew 16:13-20**

1. Read Matthew 16:13-16.
  - a. The questions Jesus asks are primarily concerned with His \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - b. Who do people say He is?
  
  - c. Who do the disciples say He is?
  
  - d. Why is that significant?
  
2. Read Matthew 16:17
  - a. Why does Jesus say Peter is blessed?
  
  - b. What does that suggest about the cause of Peter's blessing?
  
  - c. Would you say it is the same for anyone who comes to faith in Christ? Why or Why not?
  
3. Read Matthew 16:18.
  - a. Who (or what) is the "rock" in 16:18?
  
  - b. Who is ultimately responsible for the building of the church?
  
  - c. What does Jesus mean when He says, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"?
  
4. Read Matthew 16:19-20.
  - a. What authority does Jesus give Peter, and how is it used?
  
  - b. What examples of this do we have in Scripture?
  
  - c. Why does Jesus charge them not to tell anyone He was the Messiah?