

**Series:** All for the KING: a study in Matthew

**Sermon:** A Change in Priority

**Primary Text:** Matthew 16:13-28

**Discussion guide:**

- How do you know if you really believe in something?
- Have you ever thought you believed something and then, after some situation, found that you didn't?
- Read Matthew 16:13
  - Who does the world say that Jesus is?
    - How would/do/should you responds to each?
- Read Matthew 16:14
  - What is the significance of these suggestions?
- Read Matthew 16:15
  - In the sermon today, we talk about the fact that this is the most important questions you will ever answer. Is this true? Why or why not?
  - It has been suggested that this is a question you must answer every day, multiple times a day. Is this true? Explain how it is true.
  - How does your answer to this, questions effect your everyday life?
- Read Matthew 16:16
  - What is Peter saying here?
  - What does it mean for your life to truly embrace this truth?
- Read Matthew 16:17
  - What does Jesus say here?
- Read Matthew 16:18
  - What does Jesus mean by “rock”?
  - What does Jesus mean by “church”?
  - What does Jesus mean by “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”?
- Read Matthew 16:19
  - What does Jesus mean by “keys of the kingdom of heaven”?
  - What does Jesus mean by loosed and bound?
- Read v. 20
  - Why do you think Jesus did this?
- Read v. 21
  - Why did the disciples need to know this before they began preaching?
- Read v. 22
  - Why did Peter react this way, after having just said Jesus was the Christ?
- Read v. 23
  - Why did Jesus react so strongly?
- Read v. 24-28
  - How does this relate to the last sentence of verse 23?
  - What is Jesus saying to you and I today in these verses?