

The Gospels Series: Jesus' Plan Revealed

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Scripture: Matthew 16:13-26; Psalm 36:5-7

SUMMARY

At Caesarea Philippi Jesus reveals His plan: Peter confesses Him as Messiah, Christ builds His church on that revelation, and disciples learn that following means denying self, taking up the cross—not merely human agendas.

OVERVIEW

Continuing the Gospels reading, Missy Carfield lands in Matthew 16. Jesus asks who people say He is, then who the disciples say He is. Peter answers: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus names that confession as revealed by the Father, renames Simon as Peter (rock), and promises to build His church so that the gates of hell will not overcome it—the only time in the Gospels He speaks of the church this way.

Moments later Peter rebukes Jesus for the path of suffering, and Jesus answers, “Get behind me, Satan.” Discipleship is not managing Jesus’ plan; it is denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Knowing Jesus personally—not trivia about Him—is why Bay Point marinated in the Gospels.

KEY POINTS

- Read Scripture to know God’s character and that He knows and still loves us
- Peter’s confession is revealed by the Father, not mere human insight
- On this rock Christ builds His church; hell’s gates will not prevail
- Jesus appoints Peter for a unique role in God’s unfolding plan
- Human concerns can become a stumbling block to God’s concerns
- Following Jesus means deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow
- Trying to save your life apart from Him is how you lose it

MEMORABLE LINES

"Blessed are you, Simon... this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."

"On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it."

"Get behind me, Satan... you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

TAKEAWAY

Confess again who Jesus is—and check whether you're steering His plan or taking up your cross to follow it.

SOURCE

- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFEBMf_yg7k (whisper base.en; captions rate-limited)
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/fcdhmyz/the-gospels-series-jesus-plan-revealed>