



“It’s Time to Pick a Fight”

Matthew 16:13-18 (ESV)

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.’”

What is the “Rock” Jesus is talking about?

Interpretation #1

- The Church will be built on **Peter**.

Interpretation #2

- The Church will be built on God by Jesus as the **Messiah** and Savior of the world.

What was Jesus saying?

I will build my Church on top of the gates of Hell and its gates will crumble under its force.

Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”