



The Mystery of the Church **Matthew 16:13-20**

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People are intrigued by mystery. Mysteries about crime, conspiracy, or the paranormal draw us in and engage our imaginations. They awaken our curiosity and lead us on a quest for answers—a quest never fully satisfied until we uncover the truth.

In the Bible, the church is called a "mystery" (Eph. 3:1-13). The Jewish people rejected the Messiah and the mission that God had given them. Therefore, the "church" (*ekklesia* - an assembly, called out ones) was "grafted in" to the mission to take the Gospel to the nations.

In our text, Jesus blessed Peter for his great confession of faith and taught His disciples for the very first time about the church.

Main Thought...

➔ The true church is an assembly of _____ of Christ who are sent out to be _____ of men.

1. The true church has a united _____ (v. 13-16).

Mt. 10:32-33; Rm. 10:9; Eph. 4:3-6

2. The true church has an unrivaled _____ (v. 17).

Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 1:18

3. The true church is an unstoppable _____ (v. 18).

Acts 1:8; 2:38, 41; 4:4; 6:7; 1 Pet. 2:4-9

4. The true church has an unmistakable _____ (v. 19-20).

Mt. 4:19; Mk. 16:15

Final Thoughts...

➔ Who do you _____ that Jesus is?

➔ Are you living _____ for the mission?