

“JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH”

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Matthew 16:13-20 (NASB)

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1. JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH THROUGH HIS DEITY.

Matthew 16:13–20 (NASB95) ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** ¹⁷And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

2. JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH THROUGH HIS GOSPEL.

¹⁸I also say to you that you are Peter, and **upon this rock I will build My church;** and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

3. JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH THROUGH HIS AUTHORITY.

¹⁹**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;** and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.