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Our purpose is to translate the Good News of Jesus Christ into terms everyone can understand and then embrace.

Translate, Understand, Embrace.

Matthew 16:13–20 ¹³ *Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”*¹⁴ *And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*¹⁵ *He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”*¹⁶ *Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*¹⁷ *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.*¹⁸ *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.*

Translate

¹³ *Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”*

1 Corinthians 9:19–23 ¹⁹ *For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.*²⁰ *To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.*²¹ *To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.*²² *To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become things to people, that by means I might save some.*²³ *I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”*

Understand

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

John 7:3–4 ³ *So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing.*⁴ *For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.”*

John 7:10–13 *“¹⁰ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹ The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?”¹² And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.”¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.”*

What do people say today about Jesus? What is the only statement that matters eternally?

Embrace

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

James 1:1–4 *“¹ James, a _____ of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

He is still building His Church.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not _____ against it.

The Rock is revealed faith upon hearing the preaching of the Word.

The Gates of Hell will not...

Matthew 17:1–3 *“¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”*

Philippians 2:9–11 *“⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*