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John 1:14 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV)

As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead.

Acts 17:2-3 (NIV)

“This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said.

Acts 17:2-3 (NIV)

The Messiah had to Suffer
AND Rise from the dead

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)

But God raised him from the dead,
freeing him from the agony of
death, because it was impossible
for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)

They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Matthew 21:7-10 (NIV)

The crowds that went ahead of him
and those that followed shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:7-10 (NIV)

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

Matthew 21:7-10 (NIV)

Who Is This?

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region of Caesarea Philippi,...

Matthew 16:13 (NIV)

THE KINGDOM OF HERODS



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:13 (NIV)

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Matthew 16:14 (NIV)

“But what about you?” he asked.
“Who do you say I am?”

Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16 (NIV)

Messiah = Christ
Jesus Is His Name,
Christ Is His Title

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:17-19 (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."

Matthew 16:17-19 (NIV)



Gates of Hades

Caesarea Philippi



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Matthew 16:17-18 (NIV)

Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:20 (NIV)

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Matthew 16:21 (NIV)

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Matthew 16:22 (NIV)

Jesus turned and said to Peter,
“Get behind me, Satan! You are a
stumbling block to me; you do not
have in mind the concerns of God,
but merely human concerns.”

Matthew 16:23 (NIV)

Christ's Kingdom Always
Requires A Cross

"...save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

Matthew 27:40b-42 (NIV)

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

Matthew 27:40b-42 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

...take up their cross DAILY and
follow me.

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:25-27 (NIV)

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Matthew 16:25-27 (NIV)

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Matthew 16:25-27 (NIV)

We are not called to
EARN grace,
but we are called to
LEARN from grace
and LIVE in grace.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

“ Surrender is the glad and voluntary acknowledgement that there is a God and it is not me. His purposes are wiser than my purposes, and his desires are better than my desires.

Jesus does not come to rearrange the outside of my life the way I want it to be. He comes to rearrange the inside of my life the way God wants it to be. In surrender, I let go of my life."

~John Ortberg~

God is fully responsible
for the life fully devoted
to Him.

Jesus is asking:
Who do you say that
I am...to you?