

Introduction

1. An oft-quoted event is found in this chapter – the confession of Jesus by Simon Peter.
2. Jesus continues His teaching / training of His disciples for the work with which they will be faced.
3. Our Lord continues to face numerous enemies – even some who were enemies of each other are now friends in their opposition to Christ.

Select Verses



- 16:1 - *"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven."*
- 16:4 - *"A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."*
- 16:16 - *"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."*
- 16:18 - *"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ⁽¹⁹⁾ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*
- 16:21 - *"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."*
- 16:24-25 - *"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ⁽²⁵⁾ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."*

16:26-27 - *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ⁽²⁷⁾ For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”*

16:28 - *“Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”*

Select Thoughts / Themes



1. The Pharisees AND the Sadducees tried to tempt Jesus into showing them a sign.
2. Jesus warned of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and Sadducees when he spoke of the leaven.
3. Christ asked His disciples *“Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?”* Note Simon Peter’s bold declaration.
4. Upon the **FACT** of Peter’s confession, Jesus said He would build His church.
5. Jesus instructed His disciples of His death, burial and then to be raised from the dead.



To Consider Further...

1. What is involved in denying self, taking up the cross and following Jesus (v. 24)?
2. In verses 18-19, to what does Jesus refer when He is speaking of the kingdom and the church?
3. Does verse 28 clarify the time in which the church would begin?
4. Reflect on Peter’s confession of Jesus Christ (v. 16). Was the church built on **PETER** or on the **CONFESSION**? Explain.
5. How valuable is one’s soul (examine verse 26).