

Understanding The Key
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Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus told his followers that He had given them,

“...the key to the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 16:19

1. Understanding the Key from a question Jesus asked.

“When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” Matthew 16:13

- The Key is the truth about who Jesus Christ really is.

Peter’s confession of the Truth: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
Matthew 16:16

2. Understanding the misunderstanding about the Key

Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church...”
Matthew 16:17-18a

- Peters name *Petros* – translated small stone
- “this rock” – translated large stone is the truth about Jesus

3. Understanding the truth about the spiritual power of the Key

“...the gates of Hell shall not prevail...” Matthew 16:18b KJV

- Power over death – The truth about Jesus gives spiritual life
- Power over Hell – The truth about Jesus frees us from condemnation
- Power to bind for eternity – The truth we share changes lives forever

Question: Who have you shared the Key with?