

# Keys of the Kingdom

*Matthew 16:15-20*

# Peter's Confession

- Peter's statement of truth. ***Matt 16:13-20***
  - Jesus asked the apostles, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man am?" ***vs 13-14***
  - Jesus asked the apostles who they say He is. ***vs 15***
    - Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ***vs 16***

# Peter's Confession

- Peter's statement of truth. ***Matt 16:13-20***
  - Jesus' statement to Peter. ***vs 17-19***
    - *The Father revealed this truth to Peter. vs 17*
    - *"...on this rock I will build My church..." vs 18*
    - *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven..." vs 19*
  - *Jesus told them to tell no one. vs 20*

# Jesus Spoke of His Death

- Jesus told His apostles that He would suffer, die, and be raised again. ***Matt 16:21-23***
  - Peter rebuked Jesus. ***vs 22***
  - Jesus rebuked Peter. ***vs 23***

# Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

- Jesus explains what it takes to follow Him.  
***Matt 16:24-28***
  - “If anyone desires to come after Me...” **vs 24**
    - *Deny himself. Cf. vs 25-26*
    - *Take up his cross.*
    - *Follow Jesus.*
      - *Prepares one for the day of judgment.*
  - Jesus refers to coming of His kingdom. **vs 28**

# Conclusion

- Three lessons:
  - Let us always confess to the world that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
  - Let us strive to always be mindful of the things of God.
  - Let us deny ourselves and follow Jesus.