

Matthew

Chapter 16

Instructor

Contents: *JESUS*' rebuke of the blinded Pharisees. The symbol of leaven interpreted. Peter's confession of the deity of *JESUS*. *JESUS* foretells His death and resurrection.

Characters: *GOD*, *JESUS*, Peter, satan, disciples, John the Baptist, Elias(Elijah), Jeremiah.

Conclusion: *JESUS* is the **SON** of *GOD*, the foundation stone of the church. He died for the sin of the world, arose for the justification of the believer and is coming back in glory to reward His own. The cross of Calvary was *GOD*'s preexistent plan for the salvation of mankind and all attempts to prevent *GOD*'s plan were satan-inspired. This is also true of the denials of its necessity today.

Key Words: Deity 16, Death 21, Resurrection 4, 21, Descent 27).

Strong Verses: 15, 24, 26.

Striking Facts: 17, 18. *JESUS* is teaching that the church was to be built NOT upon Peter but upon Peter's confession of who HE is! also compare 1 Peter 2:4-9). The focus is not on Peter, but to his confession.

The deity of *CHRIST* is **the foundational doctrine** of Christianity.

Word Study:

Petros (Pet'-ros) **G4074** Apparently a primary word; a **(piece of) rock** (larger than G3037); as a name, *Petrus*, an apostle: - Peter, rock. Compare G2786.

Petra (Pet'-ra) Feminine form of the same as G4074; a **(mass of) rock** (literally or figuratively): - rock.

For further of the ancient city of Petra see:

<https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/archaeology/the-ancient-city-of-petra#:~:text=Petra%20is%20filled%20with%20spectacular,throughout%20the%20city%20of%20Petra.>

Questions:

1. What kind of references did JESUS make to the Sadducees and Pharisees in reference to understanding current events? Relating to weather.
2. What did he mean by the reference to Jonah?
3. What was JESUS warning the disciples about in verses 5-12?
4. Why did JESUS rebuke Peter in verse 23?
5. What does JESUS require of us?

Bonus Question: Who was most influential group in Israel? Why?
