

# JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH

## Matthew 16:13-20

"Sanctify them  
by the Truth.  
Your Word is  
Truth"  
John 17:17

### I. Introduction

### II. The question is simple: Who do people say the Son of Man is? 13-17

A. Jesus' question is pretty straightforward. 13

B. The disciples report what the people said. 14

C. All of these ideas among the people recognize that Jesus was not an ordinary person.

D. People have their eyes "blinded by the god of this age." 2 Corinthians 4:4

*E. Peter's confession. 15-17*

*F. Salvation does not come by any human means or methods.*

### III. The Rock of the church 18-19

A. This is Jesus' commendation of Peter.

B. The question that is such a point of debate is to whom, or what, does the phrase "upon this rock" refer?

IV. The Builder of the church. 18

A. The actual emphasis is on the builder of the church and not the rock.

B. Peter was useful to Jesus as a rock because He yielded himself to be used as Jesus saw fit.

V. The Strength of the church. 18

A. Jesus describes an additional characteristic about the church he is building at the end of verse 18, "The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

B. What does it mean that the gates of Hades will not prevail against the church?

C. Jesus' death paid the price for sin and made the church possible by redeeming man and enabling him to be forgiven and adopted into God's family.

VI. The authority of the church. 19-20

A. What are the keys to the kingdom?

B. The issue of binding and loosing has absolutely nothing to do with Satan and demons.

VII. Conclusion