

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Peter's confession

16¹³After that Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi. He asked his disciples:

—Who do people say the Son of man is?

¹⁴They said:

—For some of them you are John the Baptist, for others Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

¹⁵Jesus asked them:

—But you, who do you say I am?

¹⁶Peter answered:

—You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷Jesus replied:

—It is well for you, Simon Barjona, for it is not flesh or blood that has revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And now I say to you: You are Peter (or *Rock*) and on this rock I will build my Church; and never will the powers of death overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what you unbind on earth shall be unbound in heaven.

²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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