

# *The Life of the Apostle Peter*

## Study # 7

### The Statements of Peter Part I: His Confessions

#### The Deity of Jesus

#### Matthew 16:13-19

## I. The Identification of Jesus (15-17)

### A. The Opinion of the Casual Followers (Mt. 16:13-14)

1. The Setting (13A)
2. The Survey (13B; Jn. 7:12, 40-41)
3. The Speculations (14; 21:26; Mal. 4:5; Deut. 18:15)

### B. The Opinion of the Committed Followers (15-17)

1. The Demand (15)
2. The Disciple (16A)
3. The Declaration (16B-17)
  - a. It Was Immediate
  - b. It Was Informed (Mt. 14:33)
  - c. It Was Inspired (17)
    - 1) The Blessing (17A, Mt. 13:16-17)
    - 2) The Basis (17B, Gal. 1:11-12; Jn. 6:45)

## II. The Instruction from Jesus (18-19)

### A. About The Rock (18)

1. The Designation (for Peter)
2. The Foundation (of the Church)
  - a. The Testimony
    - 1) Peter & Apostles (Eph. 2:20; Rev. 21:14)
    - 2) Christ Himself (1 Cor. 3:10-11)
    - 3) Peter's Testimony (Acts 8:37; 1 Jn. 4:15; 5:5)
  - b. The Time
3. The Continuation (Church) (16:21; 1 Cor. 15:55)

### B. About The Keys (19)

1. The Recipient of the Keys (Mt. 18:18)
2. The Relevance of the Keys
  - a. The Picture
  - b. The Power
    1. Salvation (Jn. 20:23)
    2. Matters of Doctrine (Acts 15)
    3. Church Discipline (Matthew 18)

## CONCLUSION: (John 20:31)

### Supporting Texts (Excluding Those in Matthew)

**John 7:12** And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

**John 7:40-41** Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. [41] Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

**Malachi 4:5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

**Deut. 18:15** The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

**Galatians 1:11-12** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. [12] For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**John 6:45** It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

**Ephes. 2:20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

**Rev. 21:14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

**1 Cor. 3:10-11** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. [11] For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Acts 8:37** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**1 John 4:15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**1 John 5:5** Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

**1 Cor. 15:55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

**John 20:23** Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

**John 20:31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.