



From Neighbors to Nations

“THE GATES OF HELL”

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¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But **who do you say that I am?**”

¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

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- ▶¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
- ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



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▶ **THE DEFINITION: (vs.13,14)**

1. Was Jesus seeking flattery?
2. Was Jesus in competition with the multiplicity of the gods?
3. Was Jesus needing some ego?
4. Was Jesus trying to discover the whole cultural loyalties?

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▶ **THE DECLARATION: (vs.15,16)**

▶ Who do you ‘disciples’ say that I AM?

1. **Right Title, Wrong Concept:**
2. **“YOU”** – Emphatic declaration, there is NO ONE else who is qualified to be the Messiah; YOU alone are the Messiah from God.
3. **“The Christ”** – the Anointed One, the One and Only sent from God to sacrifice His blood to atone or cover our sins.
4. **“The Son”** – God Incarnate, God in human flesh.
5. **“The Living God”** – Not a dead or lifeless being like the stones in front of them. Deut 5:26.

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▶ **THE DEFENSE: (vs.17,18)**

- A. Inner Satisfaction: “Blessed” (Inner contentment)
- B. Revealed by God:
- C. Declaring and Defending a New Movement: ‘The Church’
- D. **Jesus said, “I Will Build My Church”**
 - ▶ **“petros” – Peter, small rock**
 - ▶ **“Petra” – Jesus, Large Rock**
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▶ **THE DECISION: (vs.19)**

1. Decide to Speak with HIS AUTHORITY: **Luke 10:19 (Read it)**
2. Decide to Act on His Authority: 2 Tim 2:2 “the same commit to faithful men”
3. Decide to Live by His Authority: Gal 2:20 “the life which I now live”
4. Decide to Pray in His Authority: 1 Thes 5:16 “pray without ceasing”