

Christmas behind the Curtain

2018 Christmas Sermon Series



What's next?



Matthew 16:13-18

13 (Jesus) asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do YOU say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will BUILD my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

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2 Corinthians. 6:16 (NET)

16 For we are the temple of the living God, just as God said, "I will LIVE IN them and will WALK AMONG them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."



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 - ✓ Ownership for *our* identity (Matthew 16:16)
 - ✓ Surrender to His Lordship (Ephesians 1:22)
 - ✓ Longing to grow as disciples and to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20; Hebrews 5:11-14)
 - ✓ Servant's posture toward others (John 13:1-17)
 - ✓ Pursuit of personal holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:1-6; 5:1-5)

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- **Jesus *will build* His church *through* those who stand firm in the face of opposition.**



Deeper Dive

- **Have you had an encounter with Jesus, or do you have a secondhand faith? Explain.**
- **Describe your attitude toward the church?**
- **On a scale of 1-5, describe where you are in the following areas:**
 - ✓ **Ownership for our identity His Church.**
 - ✓ **Surrender to His Lordship.**
 - ✓ **Commitment to grow as disciples and make disciples.**
 - ✓ **Servant's posture toward others.**
 - ✓ **Longing for personal holiness.**