



**FACE TO FACE: CONFRONTED BY JESUS  
WHO AM I? | MATTHEW 16:13-20**  
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Jesus is asking, who am I?

Jesus is beyond comparison.

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- **John the Baptist** – prepared the way but wasn't the way.
- **Elijah** – performed miracles but was not the miracle worker.
- **Jeremiah** – foretold of the new covenant but Jesus fulfilled it.
- **Prophets** – pointed to truth but only Jesus is the Truth.

Jesus is the Christ: The Anointed One; the promised King and Savior sent to redeem the world.

And behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
- Matthew 3:17

Until we see Jesus properly, we will never worship Him completely.

Jesus is revealed by the Father.

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Three prayers for this week:

- "Lord, reveal Yourself to me."
- "Open my eyes to see Christ clearly."
- "Help me know You personally."

...was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; - Galatians 1:16



Jesus is building a victorious church.

“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.” - Matthew 16:18

Jesus promises, “I will build my church.”

And the church Jesus builds cannot ultimately be defeated.

*“The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

The church is not sustained by human strength, but by the divine power of Jesus.

Jesus gives kingdom authority and access.

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## Keys to the Kingdom

### Authority and Access

The church has authority to:

- boldly preach the gospel
- confront sin
- call people to repentance

Through Christ, we now have access:

- to the Father
- to grace and mercy
- to salvation
- to eternal life

Who is Jesus to you?