**WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?**

Matthew 16:13-28

Key Verse 16:15-16 “’But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”

1. What were some of the views of Jesus in his time? (13-14) Who do people say Jesus is today?

2. How was Jesus’ second question different? (15) What did Peter’s answer mean?

3. What does it mean to confess Jesus as the Messiah? (See Romans 10:9, John 20:31) How is Peter able to understand who Jesus is? (17)

4. How is Peter’s confession of Christ the foundation of the church? (18; Ephesians 2:20-22) What authority from Jesus does his church have? (18b-19)

5. Why did Jesus begin to explain his suffering, death and resurrection from that time on? (21) Why could Peter not accept Jesus’ word? (22-23)

6. How did Jesus explain the way of the cross? (24-26) Who do you say Jesus is, and how does it affect how you live?