The Messiah's Dramatic Revelation of Himself and His Church: Peter's Great Confession Mathew 16: 13–20

- 1. This confession was made at Caesarea Philippi
- 2. This confession is not the confession of the world
 - a. The first critical question: Whom do men say I am?
 - b. The false confessions
- 3. This confession declares one's trust in Christ
 - a. The second critical question: Whom do you say I am?
 - b. The true confession
- 4. This confession is revealed by God alone
- 5. This confession is the foundation of the church
 - a. Fact 1: His church
 - b. Fact 2: He builds
 - c. Fact 3: He protects

- 13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he 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.

- 6. This confession assigns great responsibility to believers in the church
 - a. A responsibility to use the keys to the kingdom
 - b. A responsibilityto bind and loose on earth,to open and shutthe door of heavenby proclaiming the gospel
- 7. This confession
 must be understood
 before being shared with others

19 I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven;
whatever you bind on earth
will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven."

20 Then he warned his disciples |not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.