

Matthew Ch 16

Class for Jan 16, 2023

Gospel of Matthew

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Jan 8, 2023 – Matthew Ch 14*
- ✓ *Jan 15, 2023 – Matthew Ch 15*
- ✓ *Jan 22, 2023 – Matthew Ch 16*
- *Jan 29, 2023 – Matthew Ch 17*
- *Feb 5, 2023 – Matthew Ch 18*

My plan is to continue both In-Person and Zoom in 2023

Matt 16 Review and Introduction

In Chapter 15, we saw Jesus

- Demonstrate His Compassion for people to heal, cast out demons, and feed the hungry. He did this in the pagan, gentile area around the Sea of Galilee.*
- He not only fed and healed them, he also taught them about the Kingdom of God and demonstrated God's power to them.*
- We ended Chapter 15, with His return to the area of Magdala, which was controlled by the Jews. They had come again to "test" him.*
- In Chapter 16, there is another turning point where Jesus begins to discuss the future...His future...plainly with the disciples. His time is getting shorter and He is teaching them intensely.*

Matt 16:1-4 *Blind Guides*

16 *The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.*

2 *He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’*

3 *and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.*

4 *A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.”*

Jesus then left them and went away.

Matt 16:5-12 *The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees*

⁵ When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread.

*⁶ **“Be careful,”** Jesus said to them. **“Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”***

*⁷ They discussed this among themselves and said, **“It is because we didn’t bring any bread.”***

*⁸ Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, **“You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread?”***

*⁹ **Do you still not understand? Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?***

*¹⁰ **Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?***

*¹¹ **How is it you don’t understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”***

*¹² **Then** they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, **but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.***

Matt 16: Where they went next



- *They Leave Magdala, and cross the lake to the Bethsaida area and travel North to Caesarea Philippi under the control of Herod Philip*
- *This is an area in the foothills of Mount Hermon, and in the historic tribal Land of Dan...now known as the Golan Heights*
- *This a long way to travel by foot, but I am sure there were many Interesting conversations that took place, and many of the disciples questions were answered.*
- *But, when they get there, Jesus has a question of His own.*

Matt 16:13-16 Peters declaration

*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 Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matt 16:17-20 *Jesus replies...*

*17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by **flesh and blood**, but by my Father in heaven.*

*18 And I tell you that you are **Peter**(petros), and on **this rock**(petra) I will build my church, and the **gates** of **Hades** will not overcome it.*

*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 ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the **Messiah**.*

These statements have been controversial as to what they mean since the **church** was established

Matt 16 Banias National Park - Israel



Panias – Pan’s Place from Alexander the Great conquest

Panias = Banias (no P sound in Arabic so when Arabs took over = ***Banias***)



Matt 16:21-25 Discussion and rebuke

*21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he **must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the law and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.***

*22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “**This shall never happen to you!**”*

*23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a **stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.**”*

*24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.***

*25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life **for me will find it.***

Matt 16:26-27

26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Matt 16:28. *What does this mean?*

28 “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

- 1. Some of them probably thought His second coming as King would happen while they were alive, but as time and the disciples have all died, this cannot be what it meant.*
- 2. It could mean that before some of them die, the Lord will come back, which He did after the resurrection. This could be the start of the Kingdom since the Resurrected Lord was now making way for ALL to come to Him in Faith.*
- 3. We will cover this next week, but it could refer to Peter, James, and John and the **Transfiguration**.*
- 4. In hindsight, it may be the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which enabled the start of the Church and the Church Age.*

Matt 16. *What do I think?*

I think there are 3 likely stages to this complete answer

Stage 1- When Jesus was transfigured, Peter, John, and James saw Him in His glorified and Kingly state.

Stage 2 – When Jesus rose from the dead, it changed EVERYTHING. Now the Messiah had come and provided a path for Kingdom people to secure their way to Heaven. Coupled with Pentecost...now Kingdom power was in the world through the “church”.

Stage 3 – When Jesus finally returns at the end of the Tribulation and in the Millennial Reign, He will have established the Kingdom of God.

But none of them would see Stage 3, Only Stages 1 & 2

For Next Week...

- *Come back again...either in person or online through Zoom*
- *Read Matthew Chapters 17-18*
- *Pray for our country, State, County, and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and all members/visitors*
- *Pray for each other, and the specified prayer requests*
- ***God Bless you all***
- ***Thank God each day for the strength to continue...***