

Matthew 16:13-20**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) *16:13* It is not that Jesus was unaware of what people were saying about Him; nor was He concerned about opinions. He wanted the Twelve to think about the popular perceptions.
- 2) *16:14* The people could not deny Jesus' supernatural power, but they would not accept Him as Messiah.
- 3) *16:15* Ultimately, we all have to respond to this same question.
- 4) *16:16* Like their fellow Jews, the disciples had been taught to expect a conquering Messiah who would deliver God's people from their enemies. His humility and meekness were in total contrast to their preconceived views of a Messiah.
- 5) *16:16* The disciples would still experience times of confusion about what Jesus said and did, but they no longer doubted Who He was.
- 6) *16:16* Peter acknowledged Jesus to be not a mere man, but infinitely above all created beings.
- 7) *16:17* Peter's affirmation about Messiah's person led to an affirmation about Messiah's program. Something much larger than Peter was going on.
- 8) *16:17* Man's human capabilities cannot bring understanding of the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:14). The Father must reveal them and bring understanding.
- 9) *16:18* The New Testament makes it abundantly clear—Christ alone is the foundation and only head of His church.
- 10) *16:18* It is not believers who build the church, but Christ who

builds it through faithful believers.

- 11) *16:18* The Lord does not build His kingdom apart from His church.
- 12) *16:18* Hell cannot prevent the advance of the kingdom nor claim victory over those who belong to God.

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