

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

LESSON 2: MATTHEW 16



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GOALS FOR THE QUARTER

- Understand the events of the second half of the Life of Christ period as recorded in the gospel of Matthew
- Recognize Jesus' fulfillment of prophecies given in the Old Testament
- Learn how to improve ourselves spiritually by observing Jesus' actions and taking his teachings to heart

TODAY'S KEY TAKEAWAYS

- As the tension between Jesus and the ruling Jews escalated, Jesus began to speak about the eventual end of the conflict
- Beware of the teachings of society
- The church would be built on Jesus Christ
- We must be mindful of the things of God, not just the things of men
- The choice is simple: the world, or our souls

MATTHEW 16:1-12

- The Pharisees and Sadducces pushed Jesus to show them a sign
 - Jesus rebuked them for their hypocrisy
 - **The only sign that would be given to them was the sign of Jonah (Matthew 12:38ff)**
- The disciples misunderstood Jesus' admonition to beware the rulers' leaven
- **They needed to be aware of their teachings**

MATTHEW 16-13-20

- Jesus asked his disciples about who people (including themselves) believed that he was
- **Peter answered that “Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God”**
- Jesus made references to the establishment of the church and the role of Peter (and all the apostles, Matthew 18:18) in it
- None of them were to reveal Christ

MATTHEW 16:21-28

- Jesus began to teach about what was to ultimately happen to him
- Peter rebuked Jesus for speaking that way
- Jesus rebuked Peter for not thinking about the things of God, but the things of man
- Jesus taught that true discipleship involved a choice: this world or one's soul
- Jesus spoke about the Jews' punishment

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