

THROUGH **ME....REALLY?**

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I. Matt 16:13-20

A. V15 - Who do you **"SAY"** that I am?

1. Prov 18:21 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.
2. Ps 107:2 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

B. V17 - Revealing

1. Revealed - apokalupto - To take the cover off; disclose, make fully known.
2. 2 ways things can be revealed (made known):
 - a) Flesh and blood - Natural, human means; earthly; 5 senses
 - b) Father who is in heaven - Reality beyond the natural
 - (1) 2 Cor 4:18 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal
3. Holy Spirit Reveals the eternal; flesh and blood cannot
 - a) 1 Cor 2:12-14

C. V18 - Through Peter

1. Peter - petros - Rock, stone; firmness, stability
 - a) Luke 20:17 17...'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'?
 - b) 1 Peter 2:4-5 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
2. Build - oikodomeo - To be a house builder, architecture; to increase the potential of something through a process of strengthening and building up.
3. Church - ekklesia - Called out ones
4. Gates of Hades - Gates hold in and out
 - a) Break out - Prison, freedom
 - b) Break in - Possess - The Word
 - (1) Luke 8:12 12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

5. Keys of the kingdom of heaven - Keys open doors; Gives access and responsibility
6. Bind and Loose - Jewish Terms;
 - a) Bind - Prohibit;
 - b) Loose - Allow

II. Acts 4 - Open doors to the Kingdom of Heaven through us

- A. Prov 29:25 25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.
- B. Acts 5:12 - THROUGH THE HANDS OF THE APOSTLES
 1. Through - dia - the channel of an act; an instrument by which something is accomplished.
 - a) Acts 2:43 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
 - b) Acts 5:12 12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.
 - c) Acts 14:3 3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.
 - d) Acts 15:12 12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.
 2. Signs - semeion - A display used to identify, draw attention to something or advertise for use
 3. Wonders - teras - Miraculous display that causes beholder to marvel.
- C. Eph 3:20 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in (and through) us,
- D. 2 Cor 2:14 14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
- E. 2 Cor 5:20 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.