

Watchusay

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I. Matt 16:13-16

A. Who do “men” say that I, the Son of Man, am?

1. Men - Other people, the world, opinions of others

B. 2 things people can try and get from others .

1. Approval - Favorable opinion, acceptance

a) If you live for **people's** approval you will die from their criticism.

2. Identity - Who “am” I?

a) Heb 4:15 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

b) Matt 11:1-6 - John is in prison questioning Jesus

C. V15 - Who do **“YOU” SAY** that I am?

1. Ps 107:2 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

II. Does what **“they”** say affect what you say?

A. Acts 4 - Peter and John arrested and threatened — **“they”** say

1. V19-20 - Peter and John say in response to what **“they”** say

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.

(a) Signs - semeion - A display used to identify or advertise for use

(b) 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.

III. Matt 16:17-19

- A. Build - oikodomeo - To be a house builder, architecture; to increase the potential of something through a process of strengthening and building up.