

Gospel Harmony Event # 70b

Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21

[Question #1] Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; And it happened on the road as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do men (the crowds) say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

So they answered and said, "Some say John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ of God, the Son of the living God."

[Question #2] Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

[Questions #3 & 4] And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

[Question #5] And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then He strictly warned them and commanded them that they should tell no one about Him, that He was Jesus the Christ.

1. How do these questions relate to Jesus' recent miracles? [Matthew 16:13-16; [Mark 8:27-29](#); [Luke 9:18-20](#)]
2. What did the Father reveal to Peter, and how did He reveal it? [Matthew 16:17]
3. What is "this rock," and how did Jesus build His church on it? [Matthew 16:18]
4. What are the "gates of Hades," and how do they relate to the rock and the church? [Matthew 16:18]
5. What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and what authority do they represent? [Matthew 16:19-20; [Mark 8:30](#); [Luke 9:21](#)]