

Matthew 16 Getting Down To It

●Intro/Review

▼16:1-12

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- Pharisees and Saducees - possible delegation from Sanhedrin. Explain differences.
- test - in this instance to see failure, tempt
- show a sign from heaven - Explain possible vested interests of both groups. Phars believed most other signs could be done by demons/Beelzebub, so they wanted something Elija-like, something they were sure Jesus couldn't do. Sads believed Jesus would fail no matter what.

●16:2-3a "Red sky in morning, sailor take warning. Red sky at night, sailors delight."

▼16:3b signs of the times

- For them - The circumstances of His birth, teaching, miracles, timing (Daniel's prophecy), yet to come.
- For us - Israel a nation, Iran and Russia, Temple, globalism, on an on

▼16:4

- sign of Jonah - second time He has said this to them. THE sign. 1 Cor. 15.
- left them - Like a break-up. "It's not me, it's you." Like quitting a job. He was done with them, fed up. departed means He walked away.
- 16:5-12 Walk through. The point, looking for a sign, deciding for ourselves in the sense of judging God.

▼16:13-20

- Much baggage attached to this passage depending on your background. Catholic, Pentacosta/Charismatic, Mormon, Fundamentalist. Most use it to prove what they want to believe. Let's try to see what it says for itself. Want to try and focus on what it does say more than what it doesn't.
- 16:13 Describe this place, show slides.
- 16:14 All involve a resuscitation/resurrection
- 16:15 Was asked to the group
- 16:16 Meshiach, living God reference to YHVH. Review LORD, Lord, and Hebrew/Greek.
- 16:17 flesh and blood - Peter wasn't taught this or convinced of this by another. In other words, didn't need the authority of Phars and Sads.

▼16:18

- Petros and petra. Where are they?
- Is Jesus saying He will build His church upon one man? That would contradict His whole message of individuals trusting in God.

▼Upon what will He build it?

- Most likely using backdrop of where they are. "Even in a place like this, not isolated to a special land or special people." Remember, just came from feeding Gentiles.
- Gates of Hell - Is the church trying to break into Hades? I don't think so. Again, picture based on location. Why else go here to do this? Could have done it anywhere, at temple with big foundation stones.
- Second most likely, perhaps equal with first is Peter's declaration. The church is built on Jesus as Meshiach, Son of God, not a man.
- What is the church? Assembly of called out ones. Town meeting. Qualifications.

- Who will build it? Our philosophy of ministry.

- ▼ 16:19

- What do keys do? Unlock things. Like key to the city. Indeed Peter was used on Pentacost to open the kingdom up, but He didn't use them at His will.

- Walk through "will have already been bound" and cause and effect flow of grammar here.

- 16:20 Interesting. Did they seem eager to go and tell? Maybe. "He said it! He is the Messiah!" Regardless, He told them.

- ▼ 16:21-28

- 16:21-23 Walk through it. Similar to temptation in wilderness.

- ▼ 16:24-28

- 16:24-26 Put down, pick up, and go.

- 16:27 repaid for actions mentioned in vs. 24-26

- ▼ 16:28 What exactly is Jesus talking about I don't know.

- Six possibilities, all with their own problems.

- What do I think? Combination of some; resurrection followed by ascension and Pentacost. Who died? Judas Iscariot. Next choice would be Transfiguration.

- ▼ Wrap up

- Who do you say that He is?

- Why? Everyone needs to have their own aha moment with Jesus. Not subjective but objective.

- If so, are you obeying His command here? This is at the heart of what it means to be a disciple.