



Who is Jesus?

Matthew 16:13-20

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Key thought: We can't figure out Jesus on our own; he must **be revealed to us**. But when we see who he is, it **changes us**.

The Jews were hoping for the **promised rescuer** who would turn the tables on their oppressors.

1. He would be a **leader** like **Moses**. (Deuteronomy 18:15)
 - A **divinely prepared** deliverer
 - One who speaks the **words** of God
 - One who does the **works** of God
2. He would be the **anointed one** from David's family. (Isaiah 16:5)
 - He is in David's **dynasty** and **legacy**
 - The **Spirit of the LORD** is on him (Isaiah 61:1)
3. Over time, this hope was relegated to the **future age**.

Peter identifies Jesus as the one who fulfills that promise.

1. Peter didn't figure it **out on his own**—Jesus' Father **revealed** it to him.
2. The revelation resulted in
 - A new **identity**
 - A new **assignment**
 - A new **authority (power)**

3. The new assignment was immediately **tested** (Matthew 16:21-23)

What did Peter do to receive revelation?

1. In most respects, **nothing**; the Father simply **delighted** to reveal his Son to him. (Luke 12:32)
2. He accepted Jesus' **invitations**. (Matthew 4:19-10; 14:29)
3. He was **in community**.

Applications:

1. Put your trust in the Father's delight. How will you do that?
2. Open up to Jesus' invitations. How will you do that?
3. Immerse yourself in Christ's community. How will you do that?