

The Holy Land Season 2: On This Rock



Scriptures

- **Matthew 16:13-18**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

- **John 6:45**

Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

- **Matthew 11:25**

At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

Other Scriptures

- John 14:6
- John 8:24
- Mark 16:15-16
- Eph.1
- Acts 13:48

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Main Points

- This teaching takes place in Caesarea Philippi in Israel.
 - A place of ruins
 - Preserved as an archeological site
- Who do you say that Jesus is?
 - Do not be too tolerant of other's basis of faith for salvation.
 - Proclaim with boldness the truth that Jesus is the way.
 - Josephus, the Jewish historian wrote in Jesus' time period, verifying Jesus' existence.
 - Jesus own testimony declares this.
 - The Gospels and writings of the disciples/apostles testify to Jesus too.
- C.S. Lewis wrote that Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or Lord.
- God raised Jesus from the dead to confirm who Jesus said He was.
- Matthew 16:18 Perspectives
 - Traditional Catholic understanding—Peter is the “rock” Jesus was referring to.
 - Traditional Protestant understanding—Peter's confession is the “rock” Jesus was referring to.
 - Additional understanding—Revelation from the Father is the “rock” Jesus was referring to.
- If you love Jesus, it is because the Father loves you, chose you, and revealed Jesus to you.
- If you know that God chose you, you will know who you are.
 - You are chosen to love and know Jesus.
 - You are chosen to live differently from the world.
 - You are chosen for a destiny that He has designed for you.

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Discussion Questions

1. Has today's broadcast given you confidence-producing thinking concerning Jesus and who He claimed to be? Does this help in fighting the tolerance driven thinking that is a part of our world today? Write down some kind, but firm ways that you can present Jesus as Lord to others who may not be following Jesus, based on Scripture verses that can be shared. See the Other Scriptures section for help in this area.

2. Have you been blessed to have Jesus revealed to you as the foundation of your life? How does this show in your life? Are there people you love that need to have this revelation in their lives? Begin and/or continue to earnestly ask Father God to reveal Himself to them.

3. Jesus has chosen to reveal Himself to you for His purposes. Are you living out your purpose? If God called you to Himself, what other things does He want to reveal to you? Allow His Word to become the foundation of your life and daily living. Ask God to continue to reveal Himself more and more to you.