

Q & A WITH THE MASTER

Matthew 16:13-20 (Continued)

INTRODUCTION: It is not exaggerated when one commentator says, "This passage (Matthew 16:17-19) is one of the storm-centers of New Testament interpretation. It has always been difficult to approach it calmly and without prejudice". This passage, as interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church, is the very foundation of the Pope and of the Church of Rome. The importance to the RCC is seen by the fact that the 18th verse is found written around the interior of the dome of the basilica of St. Peter's Church in Rome in letters 6.6 feet high. This morning we will look at Peter's great confession of faith (Matthew 16:16) and our Lord's response to Peter's confession (Matthew 16:17-19). The doctrinal storm centers around the question, "Who, or what is 'this rock'" in verse 18 which leads to many other significant doctrinal questions which we hope to answer.

A. THE MASTER'S QUESTIONS - THEN - Matthew 16:13, 15

1. THE PUBLIC OPINION QUESTION AND ANSWERS - Matt. 16:13-14

A. THE LORD'S QUESTION

"WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I, THE SON OF MAN, AM?"

B. THE DISCIPLES' ANSWERS

C. THE LORD'S RESPONSE

2. THE PERSONAL OPINION QUESTION AND ANSWER - Matt. 16:15-16

A. THE LORD'S QUESTION

"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

B. THE DISCIPLE'S ANSWER

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD"

C. THE _____ RESPONSE - Matt. 16:17-19

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B. THE _____ QUESTIONS - SINCE THEN

1. CONCERNING THE _____

2. CONCERNING THE _____

3. CONCERNING THE _____

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