Matthew 16

Matthew 16:1-4; Mark 8:11-13; Luke 12:54-56

V.1-4

Still testing Jesus...

Sinful to want to see a miracle as a sign from God

Miracle: Wonders to their benefit (just to prove God was/is God)

Pay attention to the times--signs of today.

Matthew 16:5-12; Mark 8:14-21

V.5

Yeast: teachings

Ex: We call the Word of God food (or nourishment) for the soul

V.7

Lol!

That's like if I said, "Guard your heart," and you respond with, "I forgot my bullet-proof vest."

V.11

LOL!

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

Caesarea Philippi

Pronunciation: zeh-suh-REE-uh-fil-LIH-pai

V.17-18

Peter (Greek word Petros), meaning rock.

V.17-19

Remember, we're talking about the same man that Jesus knew would deny Him three times right before He'd be crucified (Luke 22:54-62); *Jesus later had Peter affirm his love for Himthree times (John 21:15-17). Peter was also later crucified. He was crucified upside down because he didn't feel worthy enough to be crucifed in the same way as Jesus.

https://evidenceforchristianity.org/what-is-the-evidence-that-peter-was-crucified-upside-down-in-rome/

Message

--When God shows you His purpose for your life and gives you a vision to move on, keep in mind that He knew you--ALL of you. He knew the sins you'd commit before and after. He took all of your weaknesses, flaws, and potential mishaps in account before He told you to go do whatever it is that He told you to do. Peter had much power in Christ in spite of his sins/weaknesses.

V.20

Yet again, Jesus tells them to keep Him being the Messiah a secret.

Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27

Peter was thinking about himself and leaning on his own undertsnading. He wasn't thinking about the actual Will of God.

V.25-26

Be Kingdom-minded, and stop thinking about what you want. Chasing money and other material things will get you nowhere spiritually. True life begins when Christ is in it.

V.28

John witnessed the Gospel established in Asia, Rome, Greece, and in large parts of the world.

All apostles, except Judas, saw the day of Pentacost and the church enlarged/increased. Most apostles witnessed the Message spreaded amongst many.

Some would not die before seeing church progress, expansion, and growth.

**Some would not die before seeing Jesus rise from the dead and send them the Holy Spirit, of which they'd receive power.*

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