

Peter's Declaration (Matthew 16:13-20)

Part One

Introduction

- Why is this a climactic passage?

The Church's Messiah

- What do people think about Jesus in v13-14?
- What do people today think about Jesus?
- What does Jesus do in v15?
- What is Peter's answer in v16?
- What does "Christ" mean?
- What three things does Isaiah 61:1 say about the Messiah?
 - i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
- How did Jesus fulfil this?
- Who do you say Jesus is?
- What must you do if you know Jesus to be the Messiah?

Part Two

Introduction

- What do most people think about the church?
- What do some Christians think about the church?

- What does God think about the church?

The Messiah's Church

- Who does the church belong to according to v18?
- Why has v18 caused some controversy over the years?
- In what way is Peter (and the apostles) the rock on which Jesus is building his church?
- How do we know that nothing can stop Jesus building his church?
- What does this mean about the church?
- How should we view the church?
- Who is Jesus speaking to in v19?
- What are the keys of the kingdom about?
- What does Jesus mean by binding and loosing?
- What would be a more literal translation of the second half of v19?
- So what is v19 not saying?
- What is it saying?
- Who else has this authority, according to Matthew 18:18?
- On what basis can the church use the keys?
- What does this show about the church?
- How should we view the church, then?
- And how should we view the church's mission?