

“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH”

Time and place. About 2 1/2 years disciples had been with X. Caesarea Philippi at foot of Mt. Hermon 25 mi N Lake Galilee.

I. The Question and peoples' answers, 16:13-14. Son of Man. X's favorite title. Links Him to earth and His mission 80x. Son of David to claim to throne. Son of God=God. Jn Bapt bec forerunner, Mal 3:1; Matt 14:2. Elijah, Mal 3:4-5 before day of Lord. Jeremiah, 2 Macc 2:1-8 was expected to appear and restore ark.

II. Peter's Answer, 16:16. X=Messiah. Fulfiller of promises. The Son of the living God.=God. Mk 3:17 Jas and Jn. Acts 4:36. Only begotten=uniqueness, not offspring.

III. X's Church, 16:18-19. A. Its foundation. Peter is masc. Rock is feminine. Smaller vs larger maybe. Rock can refer to Peter (Eph. 2:20), Peter's confession, X (1 Cor 3:11). Some sense in which all true tho doesn't make Peter a Pope. B. Its Future. Will build. Pentecost. Not replacing Is. C. Its Owner. My. D. Its Continuance and victory guaranteed. Tho with conflict and with death of X (and res), physical deaths of members, opposition of Satan and demons. All these will not overcome. E. Entrance. Thru someone using key to open door to building. Peter used in Acts 2, 10. Binding and loosing originate in heaven and to Peter, the church in discipline 18:18, and to all disciples, Jn 20:23.

Concl. We have key to kingdom in gospel which centers in X, Son of God. Ask what think of X. Then use key.