

CP—10/27/24

Matthew 16:13-20 — The Christ and His Church

Sermon Outline

- 1. The church is the community of people who know Jesus intimately (13-17)**
 - true understanding of Christ comes not from human invention (16-17)
 - True understanding of Christ comes only from divine revelation (17)
 - Blessed is the one who know Jesus as the Christ
 - The Church is a community of broken but blessed people.
 - Who you say Jesus is will determine everything about how you follow Him

- 2. The church is the community of people who proclaim Jesus confidently (18-20)**
 - the rock of the church: the people of God proclaiming the gospel of Christ
 - Death cannot stop the Messiah (18)
 - Death will not stop His messengers
 - The enemy hates the Church
 - Christ gives His authority to the church
 - It's about a sovereign Savior not a supreme pope
 - It's about uncompromising declaration
 - It's about an unstoppable mission

- 3. The church is the community of people who obey Jesus sacrificially (next week)**

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and the sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. What does it mean to proclaim Jesus as the Christ? How do we arrive at understanding Jesus as Christ?
3. What do we learn about the church from this text?
4. Why did Jesus call Peter blessed?
5. How does it encourage you that Jesus says that death will not prevail upon Christ building His church?