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Part 8 - Who Is Jesus and Why Does It Matter? Matthew 16:13-18

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- I. THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT JESUS WE **CANNOT AVOID**. (Matthew 16:13-17)
 - A. The people could not deny Jesus' supernatural power, but they would not accept Him as their Messiah and Savior. Why? They wanted the Messiah to be a **conqueror** who would destroy their enemies.
 - B. They wanted the Messiah to be who **they wanted** Him to be.
 - C. You are at your finest hour; you are at your best moment when you confess that Jesus is the Christ, the **Son of the Living God** .
- II. THERE IS A **FOUNDATION** OF OUR FAITH THAT CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING. (Matthew 16:18)
 - A. The word Peter comes from the word **Petros** a masculine form of the Greek word for a small stone. However, the English word "rock" comes from the Greek word **Petra** a different form of the same basic word but the word "Petra" means a rocky mountain or massive rock.
 - B. There are three interpretations:
 - 1. Jesus is declaring that **Peter** is the foundation of the church.
 - 2. The **confession** Peter made about Jesus is the foundation of the church.
 - 3. The **object** of Peter's confession – **Jesus Himself** – is the foundation of the church.

III. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST WILL **STAND FOREVER.** (Matthew 16:18)

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