

Matthew 16:13-19-NKJV

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Two things Jesus wanted to teach his disciples.

1) His purpose of coming and dying.

2) Who He was.

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Our destiny is not dependent on what others say about Jesus...but what we think about Jesus.

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Simeon - Hebrew = "he who hears."

18 And I also say to you that ***you are Peter***, and on **this rock** I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Passion - I give you the name ***Peter, a stone***. And this truth of ***who I am will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church.***

Peter = Petros- (Greek) = rock.

Petra – (Greek) - large bedrock = Jesus

Simon Peter - or Keefa - Aramaic - "stone" or "pebble."

Hebrew - "stone" - eben,

Hebrew - "build" - ebeneh.

1 Peter 2:4-6-Passion

4 So keep coming to him who is the **Living Stone**— though he was rejected and discarded by men but chosen by God and is priceless in God's sight.

5 Come and be his **"living stones"** who are **continually being assembled into a sanctuary for God**. For now you serve as holy priests, offering up spiritual sacrifices that he readily accepts through Jesus Christ.

6 For it says in Scripture: Look! I lay a cornerstone in Zion, a chosen and priceless stone! And whoever believes in him will certainly not be disappointed.

1 Corinthians 3:11-Passion

11 For no one is empowered to lay an alternative foundation other than the **good foundation** that exists, which is Jesus Christ!

18b... and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Passion - ...and the ***power of death*** will not be able to overpower it...

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and ***whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.***

Passion - 19 I will give you the keys of heaven's kingdom realm ***to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven.***

Bind – Gk...*deō*, = to “fasten, tie, forbid, or prohibit.”

Loose – Gk...*lyō*, = “to undo, dissolve, release, or unbind.”

Once we discover **who Jesus is**, we discover **who we are**, and that puts us in a position to exercise spiritual authority in the earth, and it gives us the authority to **bind and loose** things in the heavenly realm.



ARE YOU USING THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM?

(Binding And Loosing)

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