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# **I Will Build My Church on the Rock**

Matthew 16:13-18

*Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)*

<sup>13</sup> *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"*

<sup>14</sup> *They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."*

<sup>15</sup> *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

<sup>16</sup> *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

<sup>17</sup> *Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.*

<sup>18</sup> *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

## **What is the Rock**

- 1. Christ Himself**
- 2. Spiritual Revelation**

*Isaiah 28:16 (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup> *So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.*

***Psalms 118:22; Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10***

***Peter – Acts 4:11 and 1 Peter 2:4-8***

*1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)*

*<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--*

*<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."*

*<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,*

*<sup>8</sup> and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.*

*<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

**When it comes to building the Church, you are part of the Master plan.**

*1 Corinthians 2:6-14 (NIV)*

*<sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.*

*<sup>14</sup> The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

**The building of the church requires a spiritual people with spiritual discernment.**