

I. What We Covered

- A. Read
- B. Context
- C. Harmony
- D. Words are Vehicles Upon Which Thoughts Travel
- E. Figures of Speech

II. Application: Mt. 16:13–20

A. Read

- Read FIRST (before consult commentaries, etc.)
- Believe CAN understand
- VALUE in understanding

B. Context - Identity of Jesus - “Who...am I?”

1. Mark

- the phrases that identify who said something about who Jesus was
- the phrases that indicate what the various ones said about him

2. The “Big Idea”

- WHO is Jesus? (“Six faithful friends”)
- Not simply a great prophet, but the Son of the living God! (What say about that?)
- Jesus is not simply a great prophet, but the Son of the living God, and upon this indestructible foundation He would build His church!

3. NOT about Peter and his key role in the church!

C. Law of Harmony

1. Peter as preeminent and foundation

- **Lk 9:46** (Mt 18:1f) - later - Peter nor other apostles
- **Jn 20:22-23** - Similar statement to ALL apostles
- **Gal 2:6...8,9** - Paul denies Peter’s preeminence

2. Jesus as the Christ the foundation of the church

Ac 2:36...38...41...47

D. Words are Vehicles... "church"

1. Passengers on the bus

- Building
- Clergy, officialdom, ruling body
- Denomination
- Congregation
- Whole body of Christians

2. Determining WHICH passenger by CONTEXT and HARMONY

- **Context** - Whatever it is, it is built on the foundation truth that Jesus is the Christ (building? denomination? [they built on peculiar creed and organization])
- **Harmony** - **Ac 2:36,41,47; 8:37...1 Co 12:13**

E. Figures of Speech

1. "Peter"... "rock" *petros...petra*

Paregmenon - words similar in origin and sound, but not in sense (Bullinger, p. 304) "Peter" - large, but detached rock that may be moved; "rock" (petra) - bedrock, ledge, cliff

Cmpr **Jn 15:2** - "taketh away" = *airō*; "prunes" = *kathairō*

2. "you shall bind...loose"

Metonymy - action put for the declaration of it. Cmpr. **Jer 1:10; Isa. 6:10**

CONC

Covered a lot of material in three days. May sound overwhelming, difficult. But, like anything else, through "practice" we can "train" our senses (see Heb 5:14).

Is it worth it...?

- To become an independent student of God's Word?
- To exult in the riches of God's love, wisdom, and grace as revealed by the Holy Spirit?
- to strengthen ourselves against sin
- To equip ourselves for service?
- Over all, to express our love for God, for Christ, and for the Holy Spirit for all they have done for us?

2 Tim 2:15b