

“Who Do You Say That I Am?” Script

Matthew 16:13–28

Five Voices: *Narrator, Jesus, Peter, Disciple 1, Disciple 2*

NARRATOR: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,

JESUS: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

NARRATOR: And they said,

DISCIPLE 1: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, . . .”

DISCIPLE 2: “. . . still others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: “But you, who do you say that I am?”

NARRATOR: Simon Peter answered and said,

PETER: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

NARRATOR: And Jesus answered and said to him,

JESUS: “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

NARRATOR: Then he commanded his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. From then on Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

PETER: “Far be it from you, Lord! Surely this shall never happen to you.”

NARRATOR: But he turned and said to Peter,

JESUS: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.”

NARRATOR: Then Jesus said to his disciples,

JESUS: “If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what shall it profit someone if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his soul? Or what will someone give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will repay each person according to his works. Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”