Jesus Gets Us: Got the Son?
Matthew 16:11-20
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Matthew 16:11-20: How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." [12] Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. [13] When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" [14] They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15] "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" [16] Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." [17] Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. [18] 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. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." [20] Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ confusion concerning Jesus

_____ to belief: The Pharisees and the Sadducees came to test Jesus by asking for an undeniable sign from heaven…be on your guard against those who want definitive proof to confirm their belief, rather than a defining faith that transforms their lives.
Matthew 16:1, 11 (JOT)

_____ of the crowd: What is the crowd saying about the Son of Man? Who do they think that I am? Some say you are crazy, John the Baptist brought back to life. Others say you are the return of Elijah who comes just before the Messiah, and some say you are Jeremiah, the weeping prophet or another prophet…it is a smorgasbord of opinion! Matthew 16:14 (JOT)

2. _____ the strength of our faith

_____ the truth: He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16 (MSG)

_____the Spirit: No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like except that person himself. And no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. And God has actually given us his Spirit (not the world's spirit) to tell us about the wonderful free gifts of grace and blessing that God has given us.
1 Corinthians 2:11–12 (TLB)

_____ to hold fast: Christ as the Son is the head of his house and we are that house, especially when we hold fast the courage and confidence of our eternal hope. Just as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you will listen to his voice…. Hebrews 36-7a (JOT)

3. _____ to resurrection power

_____ to new life: Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:31-32 (NLT)

Spiritual Action Step:

Are you tired of following the ways that only lead to death, a death of hope and spirit? Where is Jesus trying to move your life to the power of obedience? Do you long for deeper hope and meaning? The Apostle Paul says: **"***And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."* (Romans 5:5 (NLT)) Let God love you completely and unconditionally through his Son, Jesus Christ. Submit your life to Jesus Christ by asking for forgiveness and letting him be the Lord of your life. You will find One who loves you completely and fully, now and forever! This week read Matthew 16 and Luke 24 to let the Spirit of God reveal the power and love of Christ to you!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; MSG: The Message; TLB: The Living Translation; NLT: New Living Translation