

MATTHEW 16, PART 4

I) Review of Matthew

- Matthew shows that Jesus is _____ who has come to _____ by _____.
- Jesus is _____ as He is _____.
- The Sermon on the Mount tells of the King _____ the Torah through _____ in words of _____. This is _____.
- Echoing the _____ and fulfilling _____, Jesus proceeded to _____.
- Jesus sent His disciples to _____ by _____ (Mt. 10).
- Matthew 11-12 ask if _____ revealing Him as the _____ and _____, patterning _____.
- Jesus gave _____ for the disciples to _____ (Mt. 13).
- “When Jesus had finished these words” (7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; & 26:1).

II) The Keys of the Kingdom

In Isaiah 22, a foreign power was threatening God’s people. Shebna, steward of the royal household, had given into the foreign power, even making a tomb for himself on a rock (22:16). God took the rule away from Shebna, giving it to Eliakim, who would serve as ruler under King Hezekiah. And God would “place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open” (Isa. 22:22).

Revelation makes explicit reference to this text in Rev. 3:7, also finding reference in Rev. 1:18; 9:1; & 20:1. There is also an overtone of this passage in Lk. 11:52.

So within Matthew, note the connecting ideas to Isaiah 22 and Revelation: keys of the kingdom, authority, rock, death, foreign power, deposed ruler, newly appointed ruler, opening, and shutting. Indeed, Matthew 16:13-20 tells of this: *the Pharisees had been overrun by the kingdom of Sin, so the apostles would serve as executors of King Jesus, bringing people from death unto life with the keys of the kingdom. Upon this resurrected, Spirit-filled life of Jesus Christ (the rock!) would God establish His temple (1 Pet. 2:4-5 & Eph. 2:19-22).*

III) Matthew 16:13-20, Further Questions

1. For clarity's sake, what was the purpose of the keys of the kingdom (Mt. 16:19)?
2. What is the purpose of binding and loosing? Take some time to research these words and their use in the rest of the Scriptures. Hint: consider Mt. 12:29.

IV) Matthew 16:21-23

3. Although Simon received the name *Rock* in Mt. 16:18, what name did he receive in 16:23?
4. How does the news of 16:21 relate to the rock? Hint: consider Mt. 21:42.

V) Matthew 16:24-28

5. How should disciples respond to the kingdom of God (16:24-25)?
6. When would this coming occur (16:27-28)?