



## Our Sovereign God and His Church Matthew 16:13-20

- 1) Who we believe Jesus is affects us now and into eternity (13)
- 2) God alone grants the key to the true knowledge of Christ (17)
  - a) Satan has blinded unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4)
  - b) By grace God enables knowledge of Christ (John 6:44, 65)
  - c) God grants repentance to some (Acts 11:18)
  - d) God opens the hearts of His elect (Acts 16:14; cf. 13:48)
- 3) There is no fear of death for those God calls (18)
- 4) Christ is building His church on the foundation of truth (18b)
  - a) What Christ said, the apostles recorded as Scripture
  - b) What the apostles said, Christ inspired as Scripture
  - c) What God passed down to us is authoritative for every generation
- 5) We who possess the key must open the door for others (19)
- 6) The one true Savior...
  - a) Invites us to investigate the truth scientifically
  - b) Grants us salvation as a gift
  - c) Is consistent with the laws of the universe—logic, science, & reason
  - d) Is the epicenter of true religion
- 7) Be very cautious about the secular views of Jesus Christ; He is either
  - a) A charlatan who willfully lied about His identity
  - b) A crazy man who merely thought He was God in the flesh
  - c) The Christ—the Son of the living God