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Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 87. I Will Build My Church – Matthew 16:13-20

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Intro: Matthew chapters 16-17 are the turning point in this gospel as Jesus withdraws as far north as He possibly can away from Jerusalem. We come to Peter's confession of Who Jesus is, are introduced to the church for the first time, and then after the Transfiguration we see Jesus begin His travel to Jerusalem and the cross.

- I. Who Do Men Say that I Am? – vs. 13-14
 - A. John the Baptist – vs. 2; John 1:19-23
 - B. Elijah – Deut. 18:15, 18; Malachi 4:5-6; 2 Kings 2:11
 - C. Jeremiah – 2 Maccabees 2:4-8 (Apocrypha, tradition)
 - D. One of the Prophets – a powerful teacher – Matt. 21:11
 - E. Jesus Did not Match Anyone's Messianic Expectation – Isaiah 53:1-3
- II. Who Do You Say that I Am? – vs. 15-16
 - A. Knowing Christ – John 17:3
 1. His Person – who He is
 2. His Work – what He has done
 - B. The Christ – anointed One, Messiah – John 5:17-18; 10:30-33
 - C. The Son of The Living God – Divine
 1. He is God – Col. 2:8-10; Heb. 1:1-4; Exodus 20:3
 2. He is to be worshipped – Heb. 1:6; Rev. 19:10; Deut. 6:13-14; Matt. 4:10
- III. On This Rock – vs. 17-19
 - A. Revelation – it must be revealed to us Who He is – John 3:3; Matt. 11:27; Gal. 1:15-17
 - B. Petros/Petra – Ephesians 2:20-22
 1. Petros – an individual stone
 2. Petra – plural – bedrock, foundation stones, cliff stones, a rock formation
 - C. Three Possibilities
 1. Peter and the Apostles, Christ being the Cornerstone
 2. Peter's Confession - "On the faith of his confession" – Chrysostom – Matt. 7:25; 21:42
 3. Christ is the Rock – 1 Peter 2:4-8; Isa. 28:16; Psa. 118:22; Isa. 8:14; Acts 4:8-12
 - D. "I Will Build My Church"
 1. Oikodomea – build, edify
 2. Ekklesia – assembly, gathering, congregation
 - a. A single church – Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 1:2
 - b. Multiple churches – Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 4:17; Col. 4:15-16; 1 Peter 1:1-2
 - c. Christ, the Head – Eph. 1:22
 - E. Gates of Hades
 1. Death and the grave
 2. Cannot overpower/overcome the church- Rom. 6:9; 8:2; Acts 2:24; John 14:19
 - F. Keys of the Kingdom – John 20:23; Matt. 18:15-17
 1. Authority to Allow or Forbid (Loose or Bind)
 - a. "The judgment of earth reflects the judgment of heaven as revealed in the written Word" - MacArthur
 - b. If in accordance with Scripture, we declare on earth what is true in heaven

- c. “The church does not have the power to make laws, but to obey them and see them obeyed.” - Spurgeon
 - d. “The judgements of His church, when rightly administered, have His sanction so as to make them valid.” – Spurgeon
 - 2. Peter opened and closed
 - a. Peter opened the door of the gospel to the Jews at Pentecost
 - b. Peter opened the door to the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius
 - c. Peter closed the door to Ananias and Sapphira
- IV. Tell No One! – vs. 20
 - A. Due to Misperceptions, Keep a Secret (for now)
 - B. NOW We Proclaim It! – Col. 1:28

Cross References

John 1:19-23

19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," ' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18

15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Malachi 4:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

2 Kings 2:11

11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Maccabees 2:4-8 (*Jewish writings included in the LXX but not considered as Scripture*)

4 That same document also records that the prophet, in obedience to a divine revelation, issued orders that the tent and the Ark should accompany him, and that he went off to the mountain that Moses had ascended to view God's inheritance. 5 Upon arriving there, Jeremiah found a cave-dwelling where he placed the tent, the Ark, and the altar of incense, after which he blocked off the entrance. 6 Some of his companions came up later with the intention of marking out the path, but they were unable to find it. 7 When Jeremiah learned of this, he rebuked them. "This place shall remain unknown," he declared, "until God gathers his people together again and shows them his mercy. 8 Then the Lord will once again disclose these things, and the glory of the Lord will appear together with the cloud, as it was revealed in the time of Moses and when Solomon prayed that the place might be solemnly consecrated."

Matthew 21:11

11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Isaiah 53:1-3

53 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

John 17:3

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 5:17-18

17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." 18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

John 10:30-33

30 I and My Father are one." 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

Colossians 2:8-10

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Hebrews 1:1-4

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Exodus 20:3

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Hebrews 1:6

6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

Revelation 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Deuteronomy 6:13-14

13 You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you

Matthew 4:10

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 11:27

27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Galatians 1:15-17

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Ephesians 2:20-22

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Matthew 7:25

25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 21:42

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

1 Peter 2:4-8

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

Isaiah 28:16

16 Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

Psalms 118:22

22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

Isaiah 8:14

14 He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Acts 4:8-12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Romans 16:5

5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:2

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Romans 16:16

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

1 Corinthians 4:17

17 For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

Colossians 4:15-16

15 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house. 16 Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Ephesians 1:22

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

Romans 6:9

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Romans 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Acts 2:24

24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

John 14:19

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

John 20:23

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Matthew 18:15-17

15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

Colossians 1:28

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.