

# WELCOME TO SOUTHLAND!

*Thanks for joining us!  
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## **Matthew 16 (Pt 11) The Greatest Question**

### **A. The Great Requests:**

1. From God:
  - a. *Where are you?* Genesis 3:8-9
  - b. *What are you doing here Elijah?* 1 Kings 19:9,13
  - c. *What is in your hand?* Exodus 4:1-2
  - d. *Whom shall I send?* Isaiah 6:7-8
  - e. *Can these bones live?* Ezekiel 37:3
  - f. *Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?* Job 38:4
2. From Paul:
  - a. *Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?* Romans 6:1
  - b. *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Romans 8:31
3. From Angels:
  - a. *Why do you look for the living among the dead?* Luke 24:5
4. From Jesus:
  - a. *What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?* Mark 8:36
  - b. 'How much more' type questions

### **B. The Great Redeemer:**

1. He never sinned. (1 Peter 2:22)
2. He healed. (John 5:8-9, Luke 17:17)
3. He controlled the sea and sky (Mark 4:38-41)
4. *I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.* John 14:6

### **C. The Greatest Request:**

1. *'But what about you?' He asked. 'Who do you say I am?'* Matthew 16:15

### **D. The Great Response:**

1. *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Matthew 16:16
  - a. It identified Jesus as the Messiah.
  - b. It identified Jesus as Divine.
2. *Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by My Father in heaven.* Matthew 16:17
3. *I and the Father are one.* John 10:30
4. *Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.* John 14:9
5. *Again the high priest asked Him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' 'I am,' said Jesus.* Mark 14:61-62

### **E. The Great Result:**

1. *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.* Matthew 16:18
2. *As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,*

*offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.'* 1 Peter 2:4-6

3. *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.* Matthew 16:19

**F. The Great Reinforcement:**

1. *Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.* Matthew 7:24-27
2. Constant #1 Everybody builds a house
3. Constant #2 Everybody faces storms
4. The Variable: The foundation you choose to build your life on.

**G. Reflection:**

1. Who do you say that Jesus is? Have you ever shared the answer with anyone? Why or why not?
2. What or whom are you building your life on? Ask God to reveal what your foundation truly is if you are not sure. Listen.
3. Ask God what He says you are to Him and then listen, give thanks and journal what He says.