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And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

"And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
This is the great and foremost commandment.

The second is like it,

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
On these commandments depend
The whole Law and the Prophets."

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;
And Io, I am with you always, even to
The end of the age."
THE GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20

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- Contact us with prayer requests, questions, concerns, needs OR
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"You are the Messiah, the
Son of the living God."

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.

Matthew 16:16-17 (NIV)

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Sunday Service — September 18, 2022

ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, Psalm 2

Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes. The Nursery is available for infants & toddlers at any time.

New Testament Reading, 1 Corinthians 3

"Rocky' Bar-Jonah," <u>Matthew 16:13-23</u>, by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

The Lord's Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry while worship continues.

Benediction & Closing Prayer

This Sunday Morning:

Children's Church: Pre-school—1st grade class and 2nd—6th grade class.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

09/18: This Sunday Evening:

Young Adult Summer Small Group, meeting at, **6:00 PM**, at Nathan and Heather Eley's home.

09/20: Tuesday:

Girls Night Out, at **6:15 PM** at Fiesta Azteca, <u>850 N Wickham Rd</u>, <u>Melbourne</u>, <u>FL 32935</u>. Please RSVP to Suzee Louché either by text, <u>(321) 432-6214</u>, or email <u>slouche@cfl.rr.com</u>.

09/21: Wednesday Evening

Under the Cross (**UTX**), this week with pizza at **6:00 PM**, then a lesson from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM**. For ages pre-school through 6th grade.

Salt Youth Group will be meeting **6:00 PM—7:30 PM** at MCC.

09/23: Thursday Afternoon:

Bible Art Journaling Group from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM also from 2:30—4:00 PM in the MCC sanctuary. Text Barbara Murgatroyd (321) 355-9705.

Women's Prayer Group, meeting at 1:30 PM—3:30 PM, For weekly meeting location, please contact the leads, Jenny Reed (321) 704-9227, or Laurie Wilson (321) 961-3658.

Guitar Class for ages 10 and up at **6:30 PM** in the MCC sanctuary. See Walter Straub, Worship Pastor.

09/24: Saturday Morning:

Ladies' Morning Prayer Group at 8:00 AM on Zoom. See Cindy Coleman.

Baptism Beach Party starts at **9:30 AM** at northernmost beach access for breakfast fare. Bring a side dish to share. Also, bring your beach gear and stay for fellowship on the beach after the baptism. **Spessard Holland North Park, 2525 S Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/25: Sunday Morning: Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday Service at **9:30 AM.** For Sunday's Sermon, continue reading ahead the book of <u>Matthew 16:24-28</u>, <u>17:1-13</u>.



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Sermon Notes: "Rocky' Bar-Jonah," <u>Matthew 16:13-23</u>, by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 2; New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3

Last week: (Matthew 16:1-12)

- Regional authorities monitoring Jesus
- Religious leaders rejecting Jesus
- Jesus defies expectations.

This week: (Matthew 16:13-23)

Breakdown of this passage:

- Jesus asks a question of identity (Who is He?)
 - ⇒ All disciples respond (Prophets)
- Jesus ask a question of His identity (Who am I?)
 - ⇒ Peter responds (The Messiah)
- Jesus speaks to Peter's identity (You are "Rocky")
 - ⇒ Jesus responds with blessing ("the rock").

What was the religious affiliation of the people of Caesarea Philippi? (Matthew 16:13a)

The city is at the foot of Mount Hermon. What was that location know for?

Jesus uses the term "Son of Man" most often when referring to himself. He asks the disciples who do the people say He is. How do they respond? (<u>Daniel 7:13-14</u>; <u>Matthew 16:13-14</u>; <u>Revelation</u> 1:12-18)

Jesus now asks the disciples who do they think He is? Remember as of late, Jesus has work many miracles and healing, but He has also directly challenged the religious leaders. How many of them are now ready to make the full commitment to their belief? (Matthew 16:15)

In Peter's response, he include that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Why might it be significant that Peter that "living God" given where they were at the time? (<u>Matthew 16:16</u>; <u>Psalm 2:7-9</u>)

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After Peter's confession, Jesus calls him blessed. Which of these are the reason Peter has been blessed: (Matthew 16:17)

- 1. Could Jesus be congratulating Peter for his Sherlockian abilities of observation and deduction? or
- 2. Someone else, one of the disciples, told Peter what was really going on? or
- 3. Peter's now found ability to confess Jesus as the Messiah via revelation from God the Father?

Jesus denounced cities in the region, like Caesarea Philippi, because they did not repent even though he performed many miracles there. (Matthew 11:20-24)

To who and how do we know that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of the living God? (<u>Matthew</u> <u>11:25, 27</u>)

Interpretations of Matthew 16:18:

Peter is NOT "this rock"

- "Peter" "this rock"Petros (m) = pebble petra (f) = stone
- In 1 Peter 2:8: Jesus is the "rock"
- "This rock" is Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah
- Why **not** say "upon **YOU**"?

Peter IS "this rock"

- Word play, and in Aramaic is the same
- ⇒ Kepha & Kepha "rock" & "rock"
- In John 1:42b: Simon son of John becomes "Cephas" [Aramaic: Kepha] (which, when translated, is Peter)
- In <u>1 Peter 2:5</u>: Christians also are "stones"
- "This rock: is Peter as **confessor** of Jesus as Messiah

What is the significance of "keys", "binding" and "loosing"? (Matt. 16:19-20; Matt. 18:18)

Jesus' identity is a matter of Utmost Importance, Devine Revelation, and Our Identity. **Additional Notes:**

<u>Internet Resources:</u> <u>The Bible Project: Matthew 1-13</u>; <u>The Bible Project: Matthew 14-28</u>; <u>Matthew Overview Poster</u>