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Believers in Jesus

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Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house,

Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)

behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)

¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



Matthew 12:14 (ESV)

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



Matthew 16:13-20

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Who are we?
3. Who is the church?



Who is Jesus?

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A painting of a crowd of people in a dimly lit room, with a man in the center addressing them. The scene is rendered in a dark, textured style with a warm, brownish-gold color palette. The figures are mostly seen from behind or in profile, looking towards the center. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the central figure and the faces of those in the immediate foreground.

Matthew 16:15 (ESV)

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”



Matthew 16:16 (ESV)

**Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.”**

The background is a textured, brown-toned image of a church congregation. The people are seated in rows, and the overall atmosphere is warm and historical. The texture is grainy and painterly, with visible brushstrokes and a rich, earthy color palette of browns, tans, and muted greens.

Who are We?

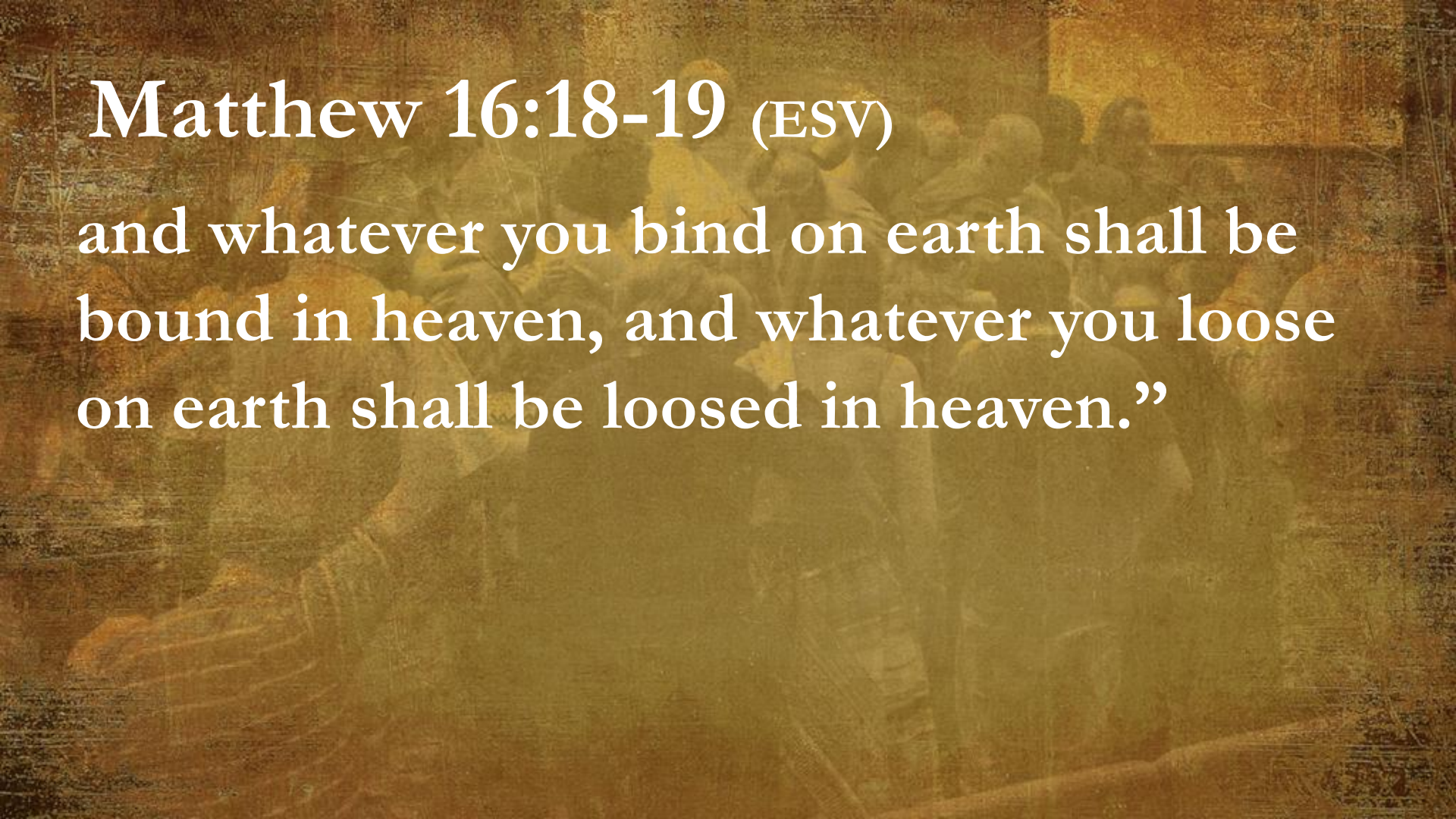
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Matthew 16:17-18a (ESV)

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter...

Matthew 16:18-19 (ESV)

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,



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Who is the Church?

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1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 (ESV)

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 (ESV)

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 (ESV)

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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