



Know Jesus Better

Matthew 16:13-28

A. We Must Know...

1. What others are saying.

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’”

Matthew 16:13-14 (NIV)

“To Muslims, He is a great prophet. To Jews, a false Messiah. To ex-Christians, a radical teacher of values. To non-Abrahamic religions, a teacher or religious leader. To some atheists, just another west Asian guy and to other atheists, a fictional character.”

2. Our answer.

“‘But what about you?’ He asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘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 16:15-17 (NIV)

3. Who the church is.

“‘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. 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 16:18-19 (NIV)

B. We Must Realize...

1. Undeniable discipleship involves denial.

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.’”

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

2. Undeniable discipleship involves loss.

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.”

Matthew 16:25 (NIV)

3. Undeniable discipleship involves forfeit.

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

C. So, how would you answer Jesus?

1. No. Why would I believe in a fairy tale?

“Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

John 20:29 (NIV)

“This is the basic consideration of the Christian life.

First, Christ died in history. Second, Christ rose in history.

Third, we died with Christ in history, when we accepted Him as Savior. Fourth, we will be raised in history, when He comes again. Fifth, we are to live by faith now as though we were now dead, as though we have already died. Sixth, we are to live now by faith as though we have now already been raised from the dead.”

True Spirituality, Francis Shaeffer

2. Maybe, but I am not sure I want to change my life.

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.”

John 3:19-20 (NIV)

3. Yes. He is Who He says He is. Therefore, I will follow Jesus!

“For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father’s glory with angels, and then He will reward each person according to what they have done.”

Matthew 16:27 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

Action must follow confession.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

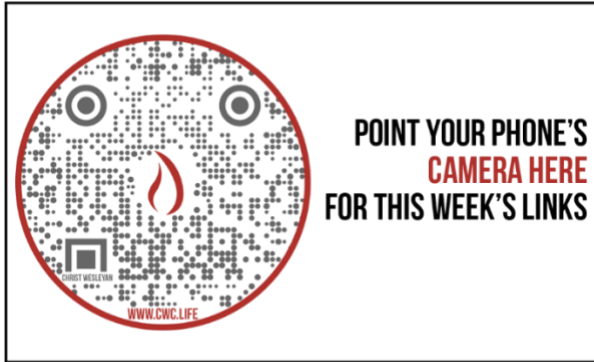
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Next Sunday:

Week 6: Worry Less

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 56.2% of goal
Giving year to date: 78.5% of goal
Attendance Last Weekend: 1,931
Salvations to date: 211 | Baptisms to date: 61

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

143 - Pledges
\$1,681,946.63 - Donations Anticipated by November 2027
\$725,803.71 - Received Donations – 18.1% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

Scan the QR code below:



Upcoming Happenings:

Today, **February 2** – FREE Family Skating Party @ Sunset Skating Rink. 4:30-7:00p

Sunday, **February 16** – CWC Potluck - Well Fit Gym.
Bring a dish to share and sign up at The HUB or online.

Notetakers are History Makers