

Sermon Notes

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“Never, Lord!”

Matthew 16:13-28

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Verses 13-16. What does Peter mean when he says of Jesus, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”?

- Why is it important for Christians today to be able to answer the question of Jesus’ identity as Peter did?
- What are some implications of believing this about Jesus?

Verses 21-23. Even though Peter has just affirmed Jesus to be the Messiah and unique Son of God, he is shocked by Jesus’ words that he must, suffer, be killed, and rise from the dead – all central to his mission as the Messiah and Son of God.

- In what ways is Jesus a different kind of Messiah than you would want him to be? What about Jesus’ essential mission do you find hard to embrace?

Verses 24-28. How did the disciples understand – and how do you understand – Jesus’ challenging words in this section about, denying self and taking up one’s cross, saving one’s life by losing it; and gaining the world but losing one’s soul?