



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

The Great Question...



- “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
- “Who do you say I am?”
 - Peter – “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”
- No great question for us to answer...
- A revelation is necessary, then and now!
- What would this statement have **COST** Peter???

A question of “Rocks” ...



- Petros \ Petra – one is a pebble, the other a mountain
 - The great message of Peter, revealed by the Father
 - As each of us finds this...
- Keys of the Kingdom – the Gospel!
 - Jews, Samaritans, Gentiles – and Peter disappears!
 - Do we have Keys???

I will build...



- Build = up from the foundation, Christ! 1 Cor 3:11
 - Theme of “God’s Building”... Isa 28:16; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:9ff; Hebrews 3:3,4 – many more...
- What is being built... the “*ekklesia*” = people!
 - Not denominations or movements...
 - YOU, who know He is The Christ!

Kingdom explained



- “gates of Hades” cannot stand against it
 - Prevail – *katischyō*, overpower...
 - Keys of the Kingdom of heaven?
 - See Acts 2, 8, 10 – each by Peter...
 - This is in us as well, the Gospel of the Kingdom!
 - Bound and loosed?

Tell no one...



- For now, the Cross came first! (20)
- Jesus instructs...
 - Go, Suffer, be Killed, be raised... OT prophecies...
 - This was the whole message of the promise... context!
- And Peter... rebukes Jesus?!
 - What happened??? Man's expectations... Satan!?

Loosing sight ...



- As Jews looked for signs, we can look for...
 - A stumbling block to Jesus...
 - God's interests or man's? The mind... *phroneis*, reason
 - God's plan is not man's idea! Romans 8:5-7; Colossians 1:21-22
 - The cross...

And, Jesus continues...



- Not just Me, you!
 - will.. wishes *thele* ... your choice! Desire, wish, resolve
 - deny yourself – “best life” now??? Renounce, do without
 - take up – something must be “lifted up”!
 - follow – continually, daily
- Teaching of the believer’s cross...