

# Peter's Confession

Session 2023-11

**Shine!**

4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Hi Tweens,

### Opening Prayer

*Dear Jesus, You alone deserve all our honor and glory and worship and praise, and I confess You as my Lord and Savior, now and for evermore. Praise Your holy name. Amen.*

This week's lesson "**Peter's Confession**", we learn Peter, never one to be shy, answered for the collective group with the clearest statement of understanding about who Jesus was. Peter used the word Messiah, or Christ, and with that announcement, Peter showed that he knew Jesus was indeed the One sent by God to be the Savior of the world.

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 16:13-28

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 16:16 ESV

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

**Bible Verse:** John 20:31 ESV

*but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

**Text Truth:** **Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**

**Bible Skills Spotlight:** Use other resources to enrich Bible skills and knowledge. Correlate prominent Bible people with the books in which their stories are recorded.

**Here are your three random questions for this week:**

1. Question 731: Coke or Pepsi? (*Coke*)
2. Question 739: What is the funniest movie you ever seen? (*Up*)
3. Question 720: Your secret obsession. (*Eating Christmas candy*)

**ENJOY THE READ OF THIS WEEKS STORY!**

*Jesus and His disciples traveled to Caesarea Philippi. Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"*

*The disciples answered, "Some say He is John the Baptist. Some say He is Elijah. Some say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."*

*"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked the disciples.*



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*"You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" Simon Peter exclaimed.*

*Jesus told Peter something important. "Simon, son of Jonah," Jesus said, "you are blessed because My Father revealed this to you. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church."*

*Then Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah. It wasn't the right time.*

*After that, Jesus started telling the disciples that He would go to Jerusalem. He would suffer, be killed, and be raised from the dead on the third day.*

*Peter was shocked. He took Jesus aside and began to disagree with Jesus. "This will never happen to You!" Peter said.*

*Jesus turned and told Peter, "You are not thinking about God's concerns. You are thinking of man's concerns."*



*Jesus told the disciples, "If anyone wants to follow Me, He must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it. The one who loses his life because of Me will find it."*

**THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF MATTHEW, CHAPTER 16!**

**READ MATTHEW 16:13-16**

- "Even when Jesus was physically on earth, people were confused about His identity."
- "In verse 14, who did it say that some people believed Jesus was?" (*John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets*)
- "Who did Peter say Jesus was?" (*The Messiah, the Son of the living God*)
- "How do you think Peter said this? Do you think he whispered it or said it with confidence?"
- "How should we proclaim who Jesus is?" (*with confidence*)
- "After declaring Jesus to be the Son of God, Peter told Jesus that what Jesus foretold about His death, burial, and resurrection would not actually happen. Peter did not want to believe that the Messiah could be killed. Sometimes we question God's plans, too. We need to remember Jesus' words to Peter."

## **READ MATTHEW 16:23**

- "Jesus told Peter that he needed to think about things the way God does, not the way we as humans look at them. How can we think about things the way God does? What might help us?" (*Possible answers: reading our Bibles, prayer*)

"Let's say this week's Text Truth a few times:  
**Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**

- "This Text Truth reminds us of who Jesus is and that we can trust His plans."

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to [cameronfamily10@gmail.com](mailto:cameronfamily10@gmail.com). Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch or come to church Sunday morning, come

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to **Shine**, do good in school, and remember **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

## The Tween Teachers



### WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

Write the answer to each question in the space provided. Look up **MATTHEW 16:13-28** if you need help.

Where was Jesus in today's Bible story? \_\_\_\_\_

Who asked, "Who do you say I am?"

Who did Peter say Jesus was? \_\_\_\_\_

What would Jesus use Peter to build?

Where did Jesus say He needed to go? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus say would happen on the third day?

Who was thinking about what people wanted (human concerns) instead of God's plan? \_\_\_\_\_

