



MATTHEW 16:13-20 NLT

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” **14** “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” **15** Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” **16** Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” **17** Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. **18** Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. **19** And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.” **20** Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

1. Following Jesus is not about being perfect. It is about being perfected.
2. Jesus is the Messiah (Hebrew) and the Christ (Greek) both meaning "anointed one."

MATTHEW 16:21-23 NLT

21 From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

22 But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!" **23** Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

3. Peter's expectation of messiahship didn't match with Jesus' explanation of messiahship.
4. Jesus is the suffering savior who willingly went to the cross to save the world.
5. Good intentions can lead to bad results. My good intentions are not always God's intentions.

ISAIAH 55:8-9 NLT

8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD.

"And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so my ways are higher than your ways

and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

MATTHEW 16:24-25 NLT

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take u

p your cross, and follow me. **KH** If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

6. The call to come and follow Jesus is the call to surrender and submit.

ROMANS 12:1-2 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters,¹I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.