

St Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

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Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
² **if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when foes rose up against us,
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;**
⁴ then the flood would have swept us away;
the torrent would have gone over us;
⁵ **then the raging waters
would have gone over us.**
⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
⁷ **We have escaped as a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;**
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
⁸ **Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**