

Peter's Confession of Christ

Luke 9:18-27

Matthew 16:18

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Jesus asked the disciples, "Who are people saying I am?"

"There's a lot of speculation about that – John the Baptist; Elijah; one of the other prophets of old come back to life."

"And who do you say I am?"

Simon answered, "You're the Messiah, God's Christ."

Jesus then gave Simon a new name, calling him Cephas, which is an Aramaic word meaning Rock. Translated into Greek, Cephas becomes Petros, which is where we get the name Peter.

Jesus warned his disciples, "Don't tell anyone that I'm the Messiah. They're not ready to hear that yet. The Son of Man will have to go through a period of suffering; he'll be put on trial and found guilty by the religious leaders; he'll be killed; and on the third day he'll be raised to life.

"As for yourselves... Anyone who wants to come with me will have to acknowledge that I am in charge, that I am leading the way. If you try to find yourself by going your own way, you will be lost. But if you lose yourself in me and allow me to show you the way, you will find yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you ever wanted but lose yourself? What a waste of your life that would be. If you're ashamed to be associated with the Son of Man and with what he teaches, the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in his glory. I tell you plainly, there are people standing here right now who will not die before they see the Kingdom of God."