



## #4 RESPOND

Matthew 16:13-27

**Matthew 16:13-20** <sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

A. We need to **RESPOND** to Jesus’ **QUESTIONS**

Question #1- Who do **PEOPLE** say that the **SON OF MAN** is?

- a. **ASK**
- b. **ADMIRE**
- c. **ADMIT**

**Matthew 16:24-27** <sup>24</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Question #2 – Who do **YOU** say that **I** am?

**Matthew 16:24** Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

B. We need to **RESPOND** to Jesus’ **CALL**

To whom? **ANYONE**

To do what? **COME AFTER ME**

How?

- a. **DENY YOURSELF**
- b. **TAKE UP YOUR CROSS**
- c. **FOLLOW JESUS**

**Matthew 16:25-27** <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

### Two Ways of Life

**DENY** yourself

**TAKE UP** your cross

Follow **CHRIST**

**LOSE** your life for **HIS** sake

**FORSAKE** the world

**KEEP** your soul

**SHARE** in His reward and glory **LOSE** it

**LIVE** for yourself

**IGNORE** the cross

Follow the **WORLD**

**SAVE** your life for **YOUR OWN** sake

**GAIN** the world

**LOSE** your soul