

Matthew Lesson 16

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 16: 1 - 28

Historical background – In the last chapter, the Pharisees and teachers of the law were questioning Jesus. They were looking for differences between their traditions and what Jesus taught.

Vocabulary

- Sign from heaven
- adulterous
- “sign of Jonah”
- yeast
- “Son of the living God”
- Pharisees & Sadducees
- “Son of man”
- Hades
- rebuke
- stumbling block

Questions about Chapter 16

1. Why did the Pharisees and Sadducees come to Jesus? (v. 1)
2. What is the sign Jesus talks about? Explain. (v. 2-4, Matthew 12:39-40)
3. Why did Jesus warn his disciples (followers) about the “yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees”? What is it? (v. 8-12)
4. Who do people say the Son of Man is? What does Peter say? (v. 13-16)
5. Jesus says, “...on this rock I will build my church.”? What do you think He means? (v. 17-20)
6. Why did Jesus ask his disciples to not tell anyone that he is the Messiah? (v. 20)
7. What does Jesus predict and teach in verses 21 – 28? What significance does this teaching have for us?