

Rock, Gates, and Keys

Matthew 16:13-28

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Jesus used many parabolic illustrations to communicate _____ to His disciples. Seeing life from a spiritual _____ can only be accomplished when God _____ our understanding; not by human _____ and reasoning.

A. The Rock

1. Jesus asked the disciples regarding _____ of Him.
 - a. What the _____ thought
 - b. What the _____ thought
2. Peter's _____
 - a. He _____ for the disciples.
 - b. It was _____ revealed.
3. The subject matter
 - a. The fact of the _____
 - (1). Ecclesia – called out, or _____
 - (2). Encompassing Jew and _____ alike
 - b. It will be _____ in God's plan than anything before.
 - (1). Israel had _____ in carrying out God's direction.
 - (2). God never, ever, _____!
4. The _____ of the Rock
 - a. In the Old Testament, it is use of God over _____ times.
 - b. A reference to God Himself – (“petra”, essential rock) _____
 - c. Not a reference to _____ himself (“petros”)
 - d. Jesus is building human _____ back into a relationship with the living God.

B. The Gates of Hell

1. The _____ of gates
 - a. To _____ against the enemy
 - b. The spirit and the flesh are always at _____ with one another.
2. Hell's gates are under _____ by the Church.
 - a. They cannot _____ it.
 - b. It is not a picture of the Church invincible _____ attack.
 - c. It is a picture of the Church invincible _____ attack.
 - d. Jesus sees the Church as _____ over the last enemy – death

C. The Keys

1. Keys are used to gain entrance from the _____.
 - a. The scribes had looked upon the keys as the _____ of their office. They were the _____ of the moral law.
 - b. The scribes had _____ missed it.
2. The Church _____ the keys.
 - a. To open the doors of the Heavenly Kingdom by _____ the truth
 - b. Heaven sets the _____ standard, and the disciples _____ what is to be bound and what is to be loosed.