

Questions On Matthew Chapter 16

1. What did the Pharisees and Sadducees again ask Jesus to show them?
 - a. What was their motive? (verse 1)
 - b. As we already studied, what additional information did Jesus give them relating to Jonah when they made this request before? (see Matthew 12:39-40)
2. What misunderstanding did the disciples have when Jesus told them to “beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?”
 - a. How is false teaching like “leaven?”
 - b. How does Paul use the word “leaven” in 1 Corinthians 5:6? (see verses 1-5 for context — it deals with church discipline)
 - c. In 2 Timothy 2:17, what other analogy does Paul use for the spread of false doctrine?
3. What did Jesus ask His disciples when they arrived in Caesarea Philippi? (v. 13)
 - a. They answered according to public sentiment. What was their reply?
 - b. When Jesus pressed the disciples to answer for themselves, who answered and what was his answer?

4. Catholics (and others) claim that “Peter” is the “rock” of verse 18. However, there are strong grammatical and doctrinal reasons against this. What is the “rock” of this verse? (*hint: what did Peter affirm in verse 16?*)

5. According to verse 19, what did Jesus promise Peter?
 - a. According to Matthew 18:18, who else received this binding and loosing ability?

 - b. Explain how this “binding and loosing” action really works. (*Note: the NASB does the best job of properly translating the tenses. It reads, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”*)

6. Why was Peter so sharply rebuked by Jesus in verses 21-23?
 - a. Under what type of circumstances might this rebuke be applied to people today?

7. According to verse 24, what must one do in order to be a disciple of Christ?
 - a. What additional stipulation is given in Luke’s account? (Luke 9:23)

8. As we saw in Matthew 10:39, verse 25 of this chapter also uses the word “life” in what two different ways?

9. What lesson is taught in verse 26?

10. What does verse 28 teach about how soon the establishment of the kingdom was in the future of some of Christ’s apostles?