

MATTHEW: OVERALL CONTEXT

(based upon: ὅτε ἔτέλεσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς λόγους τούτους: “When Jesus completed these words ...”)

1. Matthew 1:1 – 7:28

- Jesus’ genealogy (the beginning)
 - His birth
 - the Magi and the slaying of the innocents
- Jesus’ baptism and temptation
 - His calling His first disciples
 - The Sermon on the Mount (Jesus as Lawgiver)

2. Matthew 8:1 – 11:1

- His healing ministry
 - lepers
 - a centurion’s servant
 - Peter’s mother-in-law
 - a paralytic
 - a woman and Jairus’ daughter
 - two blind men
- His calling further disciples
 - reluctant followers
 - Matthew
 - His calling twelve
 - His instructions to them

3. Matthew 11:2 – 13:53

- His teaching and preaching
 - Regarding John the Baptist
 - Judgment
 - To those who are weary
 - “Lord of the Sabbath”
 - Healing indicative of His teaching/preaching
 - Rising conflict with the Religious Leaders
 - Their demanding signs
 - A new family: the Kingdom of God
- Parables:
 - The Sower
 - Wheat and tares
 - The Mustard seed
 - Yeast
 - Hidden treasure/ The pearl/ The dragnet

4. Matthew 13:54 – 19:1

- Jesus' identity
 - His rejection in Nazareth
 - John the Baptist's death
 - Feeding 5000
 - His walking upon water
 - Further conflict
 - What defiles
 - Retreat to Tyre and Sidon
 - Feeding 4000
 - Religious leaders' seeking a sign
 - Peter's confession
- His first foretelling His death and resurrection
 - the cost of discipleship
 - His transfiguration
 - Healing a father and son
- His second foretelling
 - Paying taxes
 - Greatness
 - Church discipline and forgiveness
 - Parable of Unforgiving servant

5. Matthew 19:2 – 26:1

- Toward Jerusalem and the Kingdom
 - The Pharisees confront Him
 - The question of divorce
 - Children of the Kingdom
 - The rich young ruler
 - Parable of equal pay & grace
- His third foretelling
 - James and John's request
 - Healing two blind beggars
 - He enters Jerusalem
 - Reordering the Temple
 - The fig tree cursed
 - Conflict once again
 - His response
 - Regarding John
 - Parable of two sons
 - Parable of wicked tenants
 - Parable of wedding banquet
 - Religious questions
 - The greatest commandment

- Denouncing the Pharisees
- The Temples' destruction foretold
- The Son of Man's return
 - Parable of the bride's maids
 - Parable of the talents
 - Parable of sheep and goats

6. Matthew 26:2 – 28:20

- Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection
 - His anointing in Bethany
 - Judas' bargain
 - Passover and His Meal
 - All will desert
 - Gethsemane
 - Betrayal and arrest
 - Jesus before the Sanhedrin
 - Peter's denial
 - Jesus before Pilate
 - Judas' death
 - Barabbas' release
 - Jesus crucified
 - darkness
 - Joseph of Arimathea provides a tomb
 - the tomb guarded
 - Jesus rises
 - the guards bribed
 - Jesus meets His 11 disciples

Passage Outline:

(Immediate context: Feeding the 4000/ Demand for a sign)

- Vs. 13-14**
 - **Jesus' first question:**
 - **Who do people say the Son of Man is?**
 - **the Disciples' response:**
 - **John the Baptist**
 - **Elijah**
 - **Jeremiah or one of the prophets**
- Vs. 15-16**
 - **Jesus' second question:**
 - **Who do you say I am?**
 - **Simon Peter's response:**
 - **Messiah, Son of the Living God**
- Vs. 17-20**
 - **Jesus' affirmation and command:**
 - **Blessed revelation**
 - **You are Πέτρος, upon this πέτρα I will build**
 - **Binding and loosing**
 - **Hades will not prevail**
 - **Don't tell anyone**

Key words/ thoughts:

region (μέρος); **son of man** (υἱός τ. ἀνθρώπου); **son of God** (υἱός τ. θεοῦ τ. ζῶντος); **Christ** (Χριστός); **blessed** (μακάριος); **reveal** (ἀποκαλύπτω); **rock** (πέτρα/ massive); **church** (ἐκκλησία); **Hades** (Ἅδης/ not see); **keys** (κλεῖς); **bind** (δέω); **loose** (λύω) **command** (διαστέλλομαι)

Questions:

What significance might be attached to “the region of Caesarea Philippi”? (Consult a Bible Dictionary)

**What do John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah have in common?
Why might people have thought Jesus was one of these?**

What was the blessing Peter received?

What would you say if Jesus asked you: “Who do you say I am?”