

Lesson 19: Matthew 16:1–28

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- I. **The False Teaching of the Religious Elite:** Matthew 16:1–12
Principle: God does not accept us because of our pedigree or our performance; the real message of the gospel is that Jesus came to save people who don't deserve saving.

- II. **The True Foundation of the Church:** Matthew 16:13–20
Principle: Jesus promised that He would build His church and that it would be built on the truth of Peter's confession and the confession of all believers, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

- III. **The True Way of the Cross:** Matthew 16:21–28
Principle: In order to be followers of Jesus and experience true life, we must no longer be self-sufficient, we must depend on Him for all things and we must be willing to suffer and die as He did.

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