

## **EPISODE NO. 251**

### **Matt. 16:13-28**

#### **Jesus Is the Messiah**

13 When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he began to ask his followers, “Who do people say I am?”

14 They answered, “Some people say you are John (the one who immerses people). Other people say you are Elijah. And, some people say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 Jesus asked them, “But who do YOU say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!”

17-18 “Upon this rock foundation,” Jesus answered him, “I will gather my family — those called out by God’s Word. Death will not overpower them. Blessed are you, Simon, son of John. My Father in heaven, not man, showed that to you. You are Peter. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will have already been bound in heaven. And, whatever you loosen on earth will have already been loosened in heaven.” 20 Then Jesus warned his followers not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah.

#### **Jesus Must Die**

21 From then on, Jesus began to show his followers that he must go away to Jerusalem; that the Jewish elders, the most important priests, and the teachers of the law would make him suffer many things; that he would be killed, but on the third day, he would rise from death.

22 But Peter took him aside and began to correct him, “NEVER! This will never happen to you, Lord!”

23 Jesus turned around and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are thinking something which might cause me to sin. You are not thinking the way that God thinks, but the way man thinks.”

24 Then Jesus said to his followers, "If anyone wants to follow me, then he must carry his cross and follow me. He must say no to himself. 25 The person who wants to save his life will lose it, but every person who gives his life for me will find it. 26 What good is it if a person gains the whole world but wrecks his own soul!? What can a person use to trade for his soul!? 27 I am ready to come with my angels in the glory of my Father. I will repay every person according to the kind of life he lived. 28 I am telling you the truth: There are some people standing here who will see me coming into my kingdom before they die!"