

SEARCHING FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS

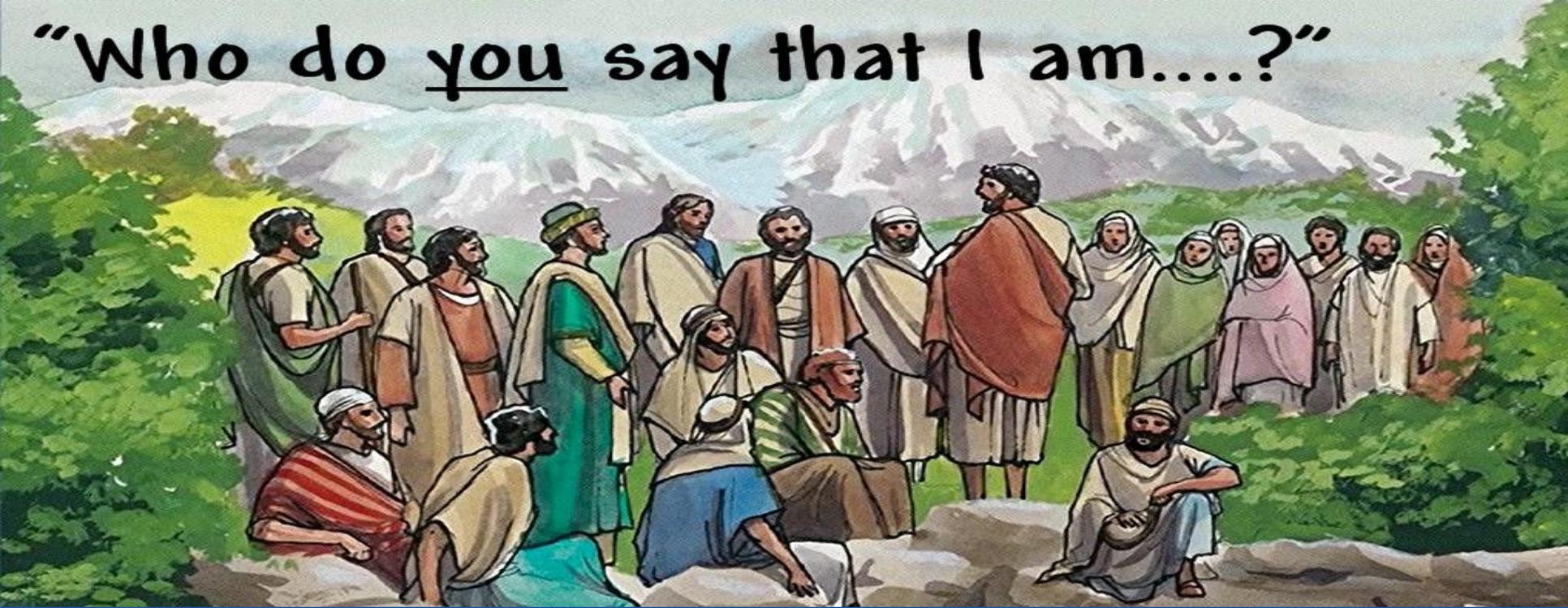
- Understanding Yeshua is a complex issue
- A Prophet, but far more than the greatest OT Prophets
- Like John the Baptist, but greater still
- The “historical Jesus” is sometimes considered as an inappropriate study
- It is the LACK of highlighting Yeshua’s humanness that leads to misunderstanding

“Who are people saying the son of man is.....?”



- 3 Groups of sayings about Son of Man
- 1) referring to the Latter Days 2) His crucifixion and resurrection 3) His works in the present tense
- 3 contexts Jesus speaks of Himself as Son of Man
- 1) The End Times cosmic Judge 2) Speaking of Himself in a modest way 3) Human being (I or Me)

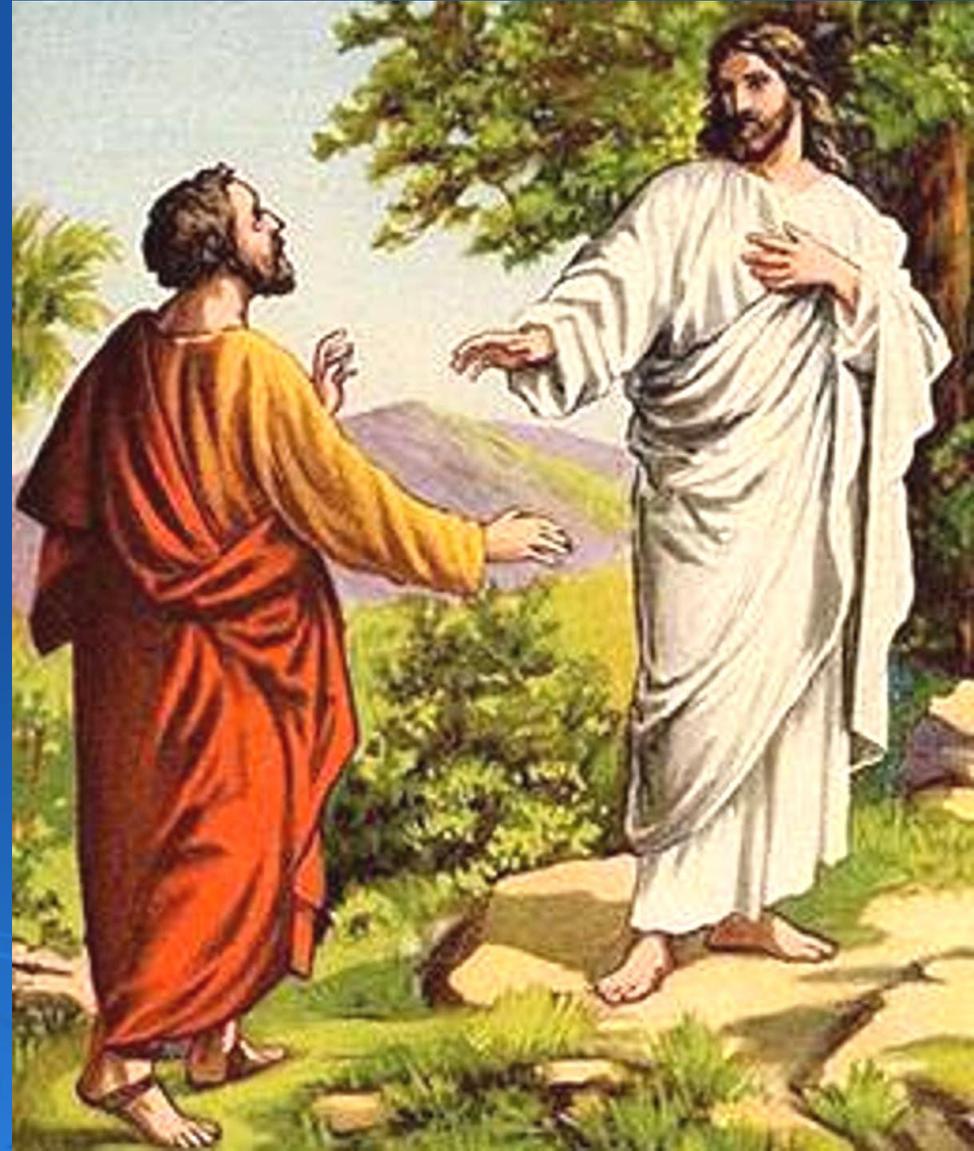
“Who do you say that I am....?”



- Jesus had complete solidarity with His fellow humans
- Peter is the first to answer Yeshua's question
- He says “you are the ***Mashiach***, the Son of the Living God”
- Shortly, Peter will not accept what Yeshua says is going to happen to Him, because it doesn't fit with what Peter thinks he knows about the Messiah

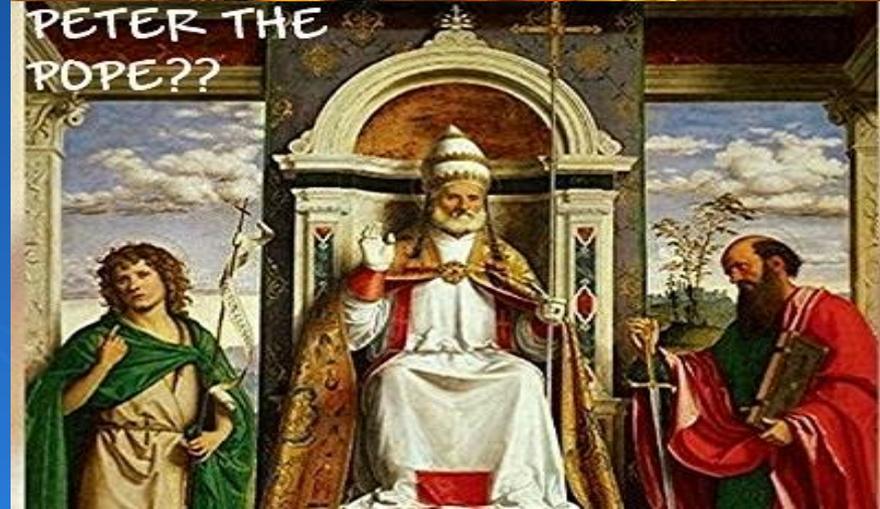
A WORK OF MY FATHER

- Matt. 16:17 flesh and blood is a better translation than human being
- Flesh and blood stands in opposition to the divine
- Peter received inspiration from The Father to know the truth about Yeshua
- Peter the only one of the disciples to get this revelation from God?
- We only come to believe when God inspires us
- God chooses whomever He will
- Yeshua reveals that He has a divine nature, uniquely related to God MY Father



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- Peter = Greek *Petras*, Hebrew *Kefa*
- Isaiah 51:1 – 2
- Abraham also called a rock
- Peter (rock) a metaphor for those who seek God and the Messiah Yeshua
- Catholic Church claims that Peter was the 1st Pope; no biblical evidence of this
- Matt. 16:18 *Ekklesia* is the word usually rendered as “Church”

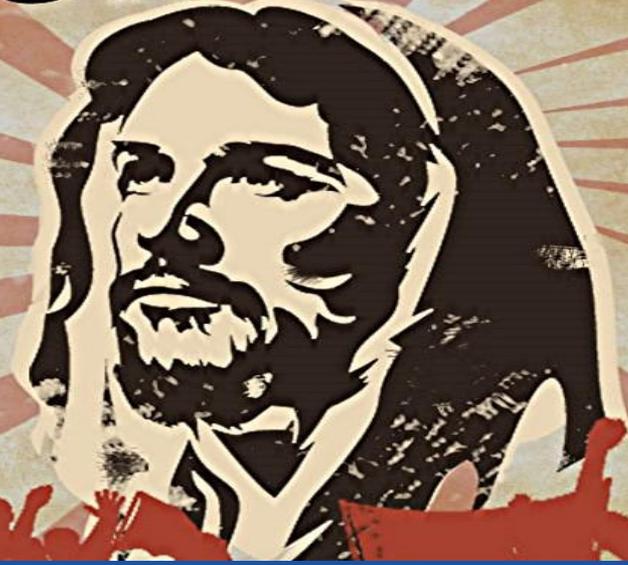


Ekklesia what is it?

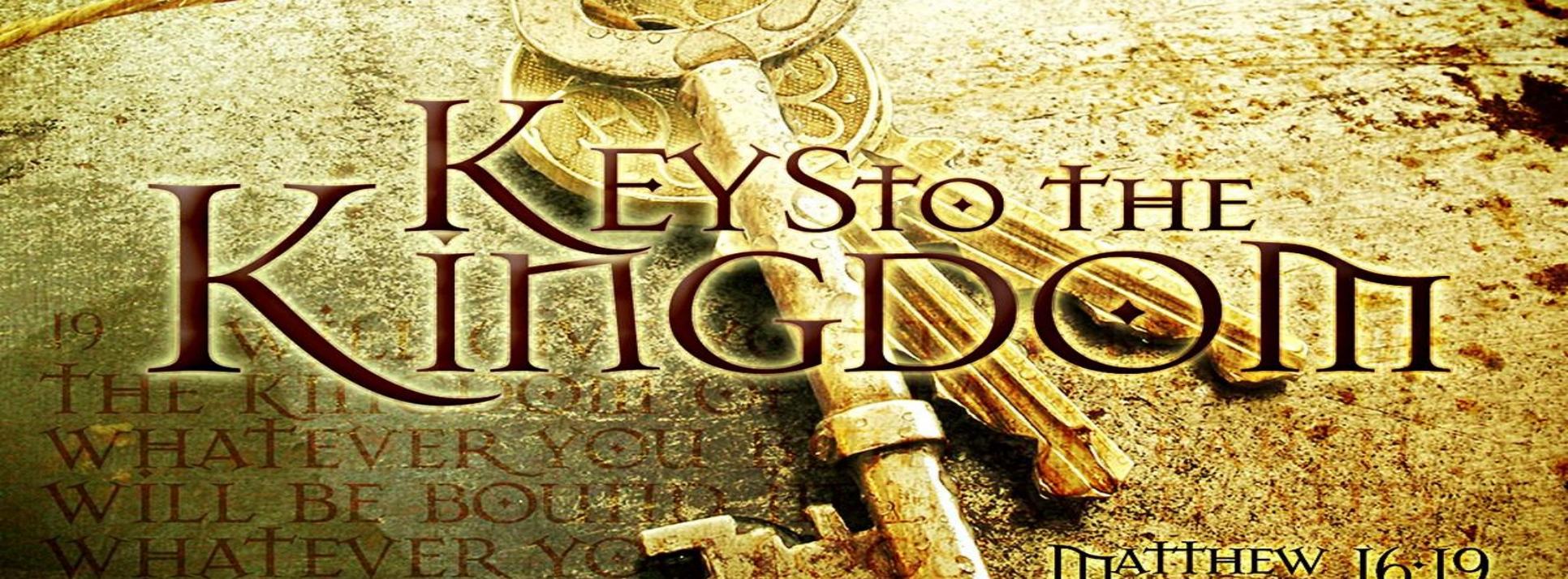


- The term “The Church” as it is used today and for 1800 years is not what Yeshua meant by *ekklesia*
- David Stern: “Unlike (the term) Church, *ekklesia* never refers to either an institution or to a building”
- She’ol not a good translation for Hades
- At Caesarea Philippi was a flow of water coming from underground, thought to be coming from Hades

★ REVOLUTIONARY ★



- Yeshua NOT a revolutionary, but rather a reformer
- He did not come to destroy the Hebrew faith and create a brand new one out of the rubble
- Tension between Pharisees and Sadducees vs. Yeshua because they were polar opposites
- Christ didn't trash the Jewish institutions; only those leaders who ran them



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 16:19

- Keys are a metaphor for power and authority
- Isaiah 22:15 – 23
- Peter a kind of Elyakim (God's chosen, righteous)
- Kingdom of Heaven now (with Christ) is present in 2 places: In Heaven and on Earth
- Does Peter represent the entire congregation of Christ followers?



KINGDOM
OF
HEAVEN

- There is an ongoing and intensifying battle between Christ and the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees
- The religious leaders don't think Yeshua has the authority to teach
- Matthew 23:13 – 17
- The Good News for Yeshua is all about the Kingdom of Heaven
- Yeshua is using His divine authority to replace the corrupt leadership with His new leadership

THE FATE OF REFORMERS

- A lurking danger for Judeo-Christian leaders that teach manmade doctrines over God's Word
- Current era is similar to Yeshua's
- When discrediting an opponent doesn't work, the next step is to destroy
- Jesus tells His disciples not to say to others that He is the Messiah

