***Confessions and Keys***

***Matthew 16:13-20***

**Introduction:** *In this passage, we have one of those rare occasions in which our Savior spoke of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that He promised to build.*

1. *Now; this "confession" was first uttered at an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ juncture in Jesus' earthly ministry.*
2. **It's interesting that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to these three men.**
3. *Clearly, the disciples were aware of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opinion about Jesus.*
4. *These "alternatives" to the "great confession" that Peter gave all have one thing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *All of these alternatives assume that Jesus was 'just a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_'.*
6. **So, Jesus asked his disciples a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ question.**
7. *In the original language, it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as if to draw out the contrast against all the other opinions that were floating around about Him.*
8. *The Christian life begins with this confession: Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
9. *That's because faith is not something we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intellectually; it's a gift from God.*
10. **Peter's declaration of faith resulted in three things that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all believers.**
11. *When you claim Jesus Christ as Lord, He'll use you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his church.*
12. *Jesus builds his church on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
13. *Jesus isn't saying that Peter is the foundation of the church, he's saying that he is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the building.*
14. *The Greek word that is translated "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" is one that you might already be familiar with.*
15. *The root word is the passive form of the word*kale***o****, which means to "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" or "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_".*
16. *And its prefix is the preposition "*ek*", which means "\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_".*
17. *He'll use you to do his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
18. *As a living stone upon which the church is built, your job is to seek out opportunities to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
19. *He'll use you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
20. *We're doing the binding and loosing in response to God's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not our own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**CONCLUSION**: *As the living stones upon which his church is built, he's given us the keys to the kingdom the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of taking his message to this lost and dying world.*