

**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.*

A. *Now; this "confession" was first uttered at an \_\_\_\_\_ juncture in Jesus' earthly ministry.*

**I. It's interesting that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to these three men.**

A. *Clearly, the disciples were aware of \_\_\_\_\_ opinion about Jesus.*

B. *These "alternatives" to the "great confession" that Peter gave all have one thing in \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *All of these alternatives assume that Jesus was 'just a \_\_\_\_\_'.*

**II. So, Jesus asked his disciples a \_\_\_\_\_ question.**

A. *In the original language, it is \_\_\_\_\_ as if to draw out the contrast against all the other opinions that were floating around about Him.*

B. *The Christian life begins with this confession: Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *That's because faith is not something we \_\_\_\_\_ intellectually; it's a gift from God.*

**III. Peter's declaration of faith resulted in three things that are \_\_\_\_\_ to all believers.**

A. *When you claim Jesus Christ as Lord, He'll use you to \_\_\_\_\_ his church.*

1. *Jesus builds his church on \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *Jesus isn't saying that Peter is the foundation of the church, he's saying that he is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the building.*
3. *The Greek word that is translated " \_\_\_\_\_ " is one that you might already be familiar with.*
4. *The root word is the passive form of the word kaleo, which means to " \_\_\_\_\_ " or " \_\_\_\_\_ ".*
5. *And its prefix is the preposition "ek", which means " \_\_\_\_\_ ".*

B. *He'll use you to do his \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *As a living stone upon which the church is built, your job is to seek out opportunities to do \_\_\_\_\_.*

C. *He'll use you to \_\_\_\_\_.*

1. *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.*