

Lesson 5: Identity

Today's Bible Story

When Jesus and his disciples were near the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The disciples answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist. Others say Elijah, or Jeremiah, or some other prophet." Then Jesus asked the disciples, "But who do *you* say I am?"

Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus told him: "Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! You didn't discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven.

"I will call you Peter, which means 'rock.' On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not have power over it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you forgive on earth, God will forgive in heaven. What you do not forgive, will not be forgiven."

Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone he was the Messiah. But from then on, Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, "I must go to Jerusalem. There the leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law will make me suffer terribly. I will be killed. But three days later I will rise to life."

Peter took Jesus aside and told him not to say things like that. He said, "God would never let this happen to you, Lord!"

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Satan, get away from me! You're in my way because you think like everyone else and not like God."

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find it."



From Matthew 16:13-25

Bible Rhyme

Jesus brought his friends on in
to ask what people thought of him.
Some said John or old Elijah;
some guessed he was Jeremiah.

Turning back to them instead,
"What do *you* think?" Jesus said.
Simon gave the Lord a nod:
"You're the Christ, the Son of God!"

Jesus told him, "Blessed are you.
God has let you know the truth."
"Peter now shall be your name,
Your life will never be the same."



Peter told Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

Lord

Jesus

Rabbi

Christ

Savior

Master

Messiah

Nazarene

Mediator

True Vine

The Word

Redeemer

Son of God

Son of Man

Emmanuel

Bridegroom

Cornerstone

Son of David

Lamb of God

Lion of Judah

Good Shepherd

King of the Jews

Alpha and Omega

The Way, Truth, Life

Throughout the Bible, Jesus is referred to by many names and titles. In the puzzle below, find as many of these names as you can:

G	X	Q	U	J	C	M	E	S	S	I	A	H
W	O	D	K	L	X	Q	Z	O	B	X	E	S
Q	S	O	N	O	F	M	A	N	Q	Q	N	O
P	Z	G	D	Q	Y	D	R	O	L	T	I	N
R	B	F	H	S	K	Q	K	F	X	H	V	O
E	A	O	Z	X	H	B	X	G	Y	E	E	F
M	T	B	C	Z	G	E	Z	O	V	W	U	D
E	Y	M	B	V	Q	M	P	D	C	A	R	A
E	X	A	H	I	V	M	Q	H	K	Y	T	V
D	F	L	X	A	W	A	M	Z	E	T	M	I
E	M	E	B	L	Q	N	Z	N	V	R	E	D
R	O	N	C	P	J	U	X	Q	L	U	D	C
X	O	E	F	H	K	E	T	V	I	T	I	O
L	R	R	Q	A	R	L	V	Y	O	H	A	R
Q	G	A	S	A	V	I	O	R	N	L	T	N
P	E	Z	I	N	K	D	S	P	O	I	O	E
S	D	A	Y	D	R	G	M	T	F	F	R	R
K	I	N	G	O	F	T	H	E	J	E	W	S
D	R	F	W	M	X	G	V	Y	U	Q	P	T
Q	B	E	J	E	S	U	S	C	D	R	X	O
F	H	Q	Y	G	B	V	Z	K	A	Z	G	N
T	G	H	M	A	S	T	E	R	H	B	Q	E