

Matthew Lesson 16

16:1-4 The Demand for a Sign

1. Why did the Pharisees and Sadducees ask for a sign?
2. What did Jesus mean by the “sign of Jonah”?

16:5-12 The Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees

3. What is the “yeast” Jesus asks his disciples to guard against?
4. How is it like yeast?

16:13-20 Peter’s Confession of Christ

5. What were some of the false or “uninformed” ideas that people had about Jesus?
6. What opportunity was Jesus giving his disciples when he asked them to say who he was?
7. What is the play on words with “Peter” and “rock”?
8. On what would Jesus build his church?
9. What authority did Jesus give first to Peter and then to the rest of the disciples (Matthew 18)?

16:21-28 Jesus Predicts His Death

10. How did Jesus again give the “sign of Jonah”?
11. Why did Peter rebuke Jesus?
12. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter?
13. What does Jesus say about the priorities of what we say and do in life?
14. What does Jesus mean by “he will reward each person according to what he has done”? (Are we saved by our works?)