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MATTHEW **The KING** **has Come**

“The Great Confession” **(Matthew 16:13-20, pew Bible page 822)**

The truth that Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior and Son of God is the most important fact in all of human history, and on the foundation of this fact, Jesus is building His church.

- I. The Great Confusion (vv. 13-14)
 - A. The greatness of Jesus (comparable to John the Baptist)
 - B. The gravity of Jesus (comparable to Elijah the Prophet)
 - C. The godliness of Jesus (comparable to Jeremiah and the prophets)

But none of these are remotely adequate!

II. The Great Confession (vv. 15-17)

A. The statement (v. 16)

B. The source (v. 17)

III. The Great Cornerstone (v. 18a)

A. Not the person, “petros”

B. But the profession, “petra”

IV. The Great Certainty (vv. 18b-19)

A. Her Ruler (v. 18b)

B. Her resilience (v. 18c)

C. Her responsibility (v. 19)

Epilogue: The “Messianic Secret” (v. 20)