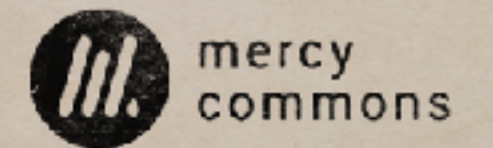




PORTRAITS OF PETER FISHERMAN FOLLOWER FORSAKER FATHER





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PETER'S CONFESSION

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MATTHEW 16:13-26 **ESV**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or **one of the prophets.**”

¹⁵ He said to them, “**BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?**” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

MATTHEW 16:13-26 ESV

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not **revealed** this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell **you, you are Peter [PETROS], and on this rock [PETRA] I will build My church,** and the **gates of hell shall not prevail against** it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

MATTHEW 16:13-26 ESV

²⁰ Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ. ²¹ From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that **He MUST go to Jerusalem and suffer many things** from the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed**, and on the **third day be raised**. ²² And Peter **took Him aside** and **BEGAN TO REBUKE** Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord! This **shall never happen** to You.”

MATTHEW 16:13-26 **ESV**

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind Me, satan!** You are a hindrance [a stumbling block, a cause of offense] to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him **DENY HIMSELF** and TAKE UP his **CROSS** and **FOLLOW ME**.”

MATTHEW 16:13-26 ESV

²⁵ For whoever would **SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT**, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he **gains the whole world** and **forfeits his soul**? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

**CONFESSING JESUS AS THE
MESSIAH WILL MATERIALLY
SHAPE WHO WE BECOME,
HOW WE LIVE, AND WHAT
OUR REWARD WILL BE.**

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT HIMSELF?



I am
THE ROCK.

MATTHEW 16:18 ESV

¹⁸ “And I tell **you, you are Peter [STONE], and on this ROCK I will build my church,** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 21:42 CEB

⁴² Jesus said to them, “**Haven’t you ever read** in the Scriptures, ‘*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The LORD has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes*’?”

I am
THE KING.

I must
SUFFER AND DIE.

To show
MY LOVE.

*We are groping for true love, incapable of giving it, what we need, what we **MUST** have is someone who loves us, but doesn't need us, someone whose love is radical and unconditional.*

To satisfy
**THE LEGAL COST
OF YOUR SIN.**

COLOSSIANS 2:14 CEB

He **destroyed the record of the debt** we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He **canceled** it by nailing it to the **cross**.

To establish
A NEW KINGDOM.

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Who
WE BECOME

CONFESSING JESUS AS THE MESSIAH WILL
MATERIALLY SHAPE ...

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MATTHEW 16:22-23 ESV

²² And Peter **took Him aside** and **BEGAN TO REBUKE** **(SCOLD)** Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord (God is merciful to you -lit)! This **shall never happen** to You.” ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind Me, satan! You are a hindrance [a stumbling block, a cause of offense]** to Me. For you are **not** setting your mind on the **things of God**, but on the things of man.

Take heed, theologians, lest you force Him into being a mere pet or, worse, an attack dog, trained to harm those whom you would like to dominate. God cannot be tamed.



How

WE ARE TO LIVE

CONFESSING JESUS AS THE MESSIAH WILL
MATERIALLY SHAPE ...

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Bad news

**YOU WILL NEED
TO DIE.**

MATTHEW 16:24-25 ESV

²⁴ Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him **DENY HIMSELF** and TAKE UP his **CROSS** and **FOLLOW ME**. ²⁵ For whoever would **SAVE HIS LIFE** WILL LOSE IT, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he **gains the whole world** and **forfeits his soul**? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.



What
**OUR REWARD
WILL BE**

CONFESSING JESUS AS THE MESSIAH WILL
MATERIALLY SHAPE ...

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MATTHEW 16:25 ESV

²⁵ For whoever would **SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT**, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he **gains the whole world** and **forfeits his soul**? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

*Jesus is not anti-our-life,
He is anti-preoccupation-with-our-life.*



MARK 10:28-30 ESV

²⁸ Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “I assure you that ANYONE WHO HAS LEFT HOUSE, BROTHERS, sisters, MOTHER, FATHER, CHILDREN, or FARMS because of ME and because of the GOOD NEWS ³⁰ will receive ONE HUNDRED TIMES as much NOW IN THIS LIFE—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—AND IN THE COMING AGE, ETERNAL LIFE.

Salvation is not just about going to heaven, but about becoming fully human, fully alive, and fully in communion with God and others.



“I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures;

and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son];
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen."



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