

Lesson IV. **PETER'S CONFESSION AND CHRIST'S REBUKE** July 22, 1900

Matt. 16 : 13-26—Memory Verses, 24-26

Golden Text—If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.—Matt. 16 : 24.



13 When Je'sus came into the coasts of Caesare'a Philipp'i, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Bap'tist: some, Eli'as; and others, Jeremi'as, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Si'mon Pe'ter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Je'sus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Si'mon Bar'jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Pe'ter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples

that they should tell no man that he was Je'sus the Christ.

21 From that time forth began Je'sus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jeru'salem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Pe'ter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Pe'ter, Get thee behind me, Sa'tan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 Then said Je'sus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went from one town to another working miracles, He often taught the disciples many things by the way.

Once, when they were walking together, Jesus stopped. "Tell me," He said, "whom do the people say that I am?" The disciples answered, "Some say that you are

John the Baptist, others, that you are a prophet like Elijah or Jeremiah." Jesus said, "But whom do you think I am?" Then Peter answered quickly, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus was glad that Peter knew the truth about Him and said, "You are blessed,

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