

# Life Group Questions 21/01/2024

## Matthew 16:13-20

### Introduction:

The theme of these verses is about true and mistaken identity.

Have you ever had a case of mistaken identity – you have been mistaken for someone else or you have mistaken someone else's identity?

### Read Matthew 16:13-20

What is the significance of the title Son of Man v 13? (see Daniel 7:13-14).

Why do you think the people thought Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets – a case of mistaken identity v14? (see, for example, Mark 6:14-16)

How have you viewed Jesus over the years?  
Did you ever mistake his identity?

Jesus asks a very pointed question in v15. Can you share Peter's declaration of Jesus' identity in v16? How did that come about?

Why was Peter blessed (v17)? In what way are we blessed?

V18 & 19 have been much discussed over the centuries; who or what is "this rock", in your view?

What does Jesus promise? How is that an encouragement for us today?

What are “the keys” given to Peter (the “you” is singular in Greek) and what does it mean by binding and loosening?

Does this have any application to us today? If so, what?

Why do you think Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone he was the Messiah and so reveal his identity v20?

### **Conclusion:**

What’s the one thing God wants you to take into the coming week/month/year from this study? Pray for one another if you are meeting in a group.

Share your thoughts with someone if you are not meeting in a group.