

## Matthew 16

King James Version (KJV)

**16** The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. (Pharisee- means separated. They were a sect who believed in life after death. The Sadducees did not) (Jesus had already shown the people many signs through His many miracles)

<sup>2</sup> He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. (They can see many signs in nature)

<sup>3</sup> And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (These purported religionists should have known that the coming of Messiah was foretold in many places in the Bible. The time is the first advent – they’re looking right at the Messiah and they don’t know it) (Hypocrite = play actor – these guys are playing religion, but don’t know anything about it. They’re in it for the money)

<sup>4</sup> A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. (As Jonas was in the whale 3 days, Jesus will be in the grave 3 days and then He will resurrect) (Generation = progeny- Jesus is calling out these Kenites)

<sup>5</sup> And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

<sup>6</sup> Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (leaven – a metaphor for the false teachings of these hypocrites) (Just as leaven totally permeates the dough, false teaching can completely permeate a true teaching where God’s Word is concerned. Do not let fake doctrine seep into a church. Teach God’s Word completely and unchanged)

<sup>7</sup> And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. (Once again, they don’t get it)

<sup>8</sup> Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

(They should have known that Jesus can see to their care. HE just fed 8,000 people – 4,000 men and their families)

<sup>9</sup> Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

<sup>10</sup> Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

<sup>11</sup> How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? (Their false doctrines)

<sup>12</sup> Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (They taught traditions of men, not the Word of God)

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (Jesus was God in the flesh. HE called Himself the son of man because He came into the flesh through Mary. Men called Him the Son of God)

<sup>14</sup> And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

<sup>15</sup> He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

<sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Jesus was God. HE begat Himself into a flesh body, through Mary's womb. Men just couldn't understand it. Even today, people think Jesus is God's son) (Son = begotten – better translation)

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (Barjona- son of the dove)

<sup>18</sup> And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Peter= petros - a movable or loose rock; rock= petra – an immovable rock or bedrock) (Peter is an official of the church, but he is not the church itself)

<sup>19</sup> 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. (The keys are the knowledge in the Word of God) (If Peter binds an evil spirit, it will be bound in Heaven; if he looses someone from their sinful ways, they will be loosed in heaven also)

<sup>20</sup> Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (It wasn't quite time to inform the people. The time would be at the crucifixion, on that particular Passover, when the New Testament would begin)

<sup>21</sup> From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (This was prophesied in Genesis-3:15, and in Psalms-22)

<sup>22</sup> Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. (Peter thinks he's saying a good thing. His love for Jesus is causing him to disobey Jesus. The Elect are here to work with the plan of God, not against it)

<sup>23</sup> But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (Peter would have been unknowingly helping Satan to foil the plan of God)

(Ignorant men treasure our short life in the flesh. Our long spiritual life with God in the Third Age is the real treasure)

<sup>24</sup> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Christians have been mocked and persecuted by the heathen throughout the ages)

<sup>25</sup> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Those who betray God to save their flesh life will lose their spiritual life. Those who stay loyal to God, at the risk of their flesh life, will secure their spiritual life in the eternity)

<sup>26</sup> 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 two witnesses will die in the street at the hands of antichrist, 3 days before Messiah returns and ends this Age. Many people believe that they will be Moses and Elijah, but it's not written in the Bible)

<sup>27</sup> For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.  
(This will begin the Millennium, after the end times of the Second Age. Your works will bring your reward, not your faith. Faith is good, but you have to do good works as well)

<sup>28</sup> Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.  
(Jesus is referring to the crucifixion <the First Advent>, not the Second Advent of the end days. Jesus received the kingdom upon His resurrection. HE became Lord of lords, King of kings)