

Rediscovering Discipleship
Jesus Created Community
Matthew 16:13-20

There are a lot of opinions about Jesus. For some he is a sage to be read and admired for simply trying to create a new philosophy or worldview. For some He is a political activist advocating everything from feminist to liberation theology. For some He is a spiritual mystic who is simply included in lists of rabbis, prophets, and gurus. What we think about Jesus will determine how we serve Him and how we live out our lives.

1. A question to be _____
 - A. It is asked _____
 - B. It is asked of _____
 - C. It is asked _____
2. A confession to be _____
 - A. It is stated with _____
 - B. It is stated from _____
 - C. It is stated from _____
3. A church to be _____
 - A. We are a spiritual _____
 - B. We engage in spiritual _____
 - C. We conduct spiritual _____

Peter's confession was not well-received in the first century. In fact, this confession has cost many followers of Jesus their lives since then. In a 21st century society where pluralism, inclusivism, and tolerance are the cultural expectations, we should not expect people to readily embrace this confession. However, this confession is central truth of the Bible and the empty tomb stands as a monument to it.

