

The Rescue Begins: A New Life with Christ

Matthew 16:13-28

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I. Jesus Announces that He is The Son of God. (Matthew 16:13-20)

1. Jesus was born of a virgin and lived a perfect life.
2. Jesus died on a cross to take our place.
3. Jesus resurrected from the grave.

Isaiah 61:1 - "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound..."

John 20:31 - "...these (words) are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

II. Jesus calls us to die and live a new life with Him. (Matthew 16:21-28)

1. I can know heaven is my home.

2. I can know my sins are forgiven.

3. I can know I have God with me at all times.

4. I can overcome temptation.

5. I can live out my God-given purpose.

Faith Sheet for Friends and Family this Week

1. What are some answers people might give today to the question "Who do you say Jesus is?" What makes some answers sound good, but are really insufficient? (Matthew 16:13-17, Luke 2:11, John 6:68, 11:27)
2. What important aspects of Jesus' "identity" and "work" are missing in common understandings of Jesus today? (John 11:25, 14:6, Acts 10:43, 1 Timothy 2:5, and Romans 10:9-10)
3. How would seeing the glory of God and His kingdom help us continue in denying ourselves and sometimes suffering for the sake of the gospel of Jesus? (Matthew 6:33, 19:29, Acts 5:41, Romans 8:36, 2 Corinthians 5:15, Philippians 3:10, 2 Timothy 2:12, Hebrews 11:25 and 1 Peter 2:20)
4. Who in your life shows you the resurrected life of Christ? Tell them how much you see of Christ in them. Pray as God leads you.