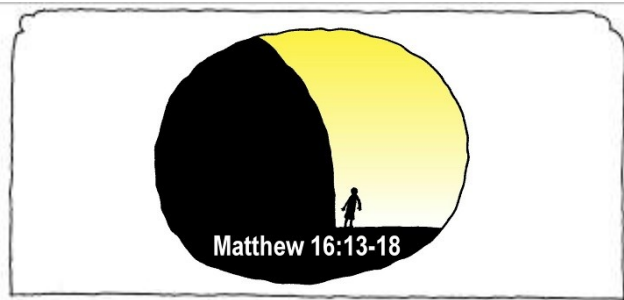


# ON this ROCK

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Rock makes a solid foundation to build on and can be trusted to be safe. 'Peter' means rock. What Peter saw started the first Christian churches.



When Jesus and his disciples got to the town of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"



They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."



"But what about you?" he asked them, "who do you think I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."



Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not shown to you by another human being, but only by my Father in heaven."



"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of evil will never destroy it," Jesus told him.



Many people believed Peter and were saved when he told them about miracles he saw with his own eyes and how Jesus died on the cross and rose again.



Peter wrote some of the books in the Bible. "We have not followed stories we made up, but we were there when it happened," he wrote. 2 Peter 2:16