

041419 Series Title: Until He Returns : *Things Jesus wants us to know* Points to make...Jesus is king of a Kingdom

As Jesus was getting closer to his deathit was time to reveal some Supernatural insights to his disciples...about the Kingdom of God and his Kingdom government ...

Jesus had revealed the way to start all prayer...with first their relationship...Father who he is...and that his will be done...

Jesus in teaching his disciples how to pray said this:

Matt 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- **How do we know the will of God? He reveals it! as we grow in following him...**
- **His word reveals the will of God...but often times it is hidden from us...until it is time for more to be revealed...Logos and Rhema**
- **Just as it was revealed to Mary she would bear this King!**
- **She already was a devout follower of Judaism ...**

Luke 1: 28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

- **The Revelation that the King was coming through her was new...The King will arrive, and so The kingdom reign has begun...and the gathering of the people to inhabit and belong to this Kingdom will be in full swing..**
- **Jump ahead 33 years...when Jesus entered Jerusalem...the week before his death..**

Mark 11:10 “**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!**” “Hosanna in the highest heaven

- **His resurrection...proof the King will live and reign..and we celebrate that next week...**
- **lets back up...what I just shared with you is called revelation...a revelation is something supernatural that was hidden and is now being revealed...**
- **something you will either receive or reject...but none the less it has been revealed.**

- **and revelation is built upon revelation...that is how we grow in the Kingdom...and that is what I believe Jesus wanted his disciples to know, receive, and operate in until he returns...**

So lets look at this historically and see how it pertains to us today!...the winter before Jesus goes to the cross, Jesus intentionally takes his disciples to a city 25 miles or so north of the Gallilee area where he had been doing the bulk of his ministry, to a city at the foot of Mount Herman the highest mountain in Israel (9100 feet), the water source of the Jordan river and the lake of Gallilee. to a city called **Caesarea Philippi..** the City of Pagans

His disciples must have found quite astonishing. this is a city known for evil, highly sexualized worship of pagan idols: [Caesarea Philippi](#) was built near a rock cliff, with water gushing out of the mouth of a cave at its base. Greeks and Romans believed that Hades (place of the dead) was under the earth, and that a number of rivers flowed to and from it. So those who lived in Caesarea Philippi believed that an underground spring coming from a mysterious cave had to be from Hades – a gateway to and from the underworld. Because of this, the site was called "The Gates of Hell." where Hell meets the earth..

So Above the cave and spring, worshipers carved niches into the cliff and placed idols into each one. The site was dedicated to the god Pan, half-goat and half-man a god of fear..., Baal a god of fertility, sexuality and nature. Temples and courtyards built to worship other gods Ceasar, Zeus, Hermes stood nearby, and people came to make sacrifices and engage in debauched sexual activity. This city, which sits at the foot of Mount Hermon, butts up against a large cliff, referred to as the ‘Rock of the Gods’, in reference to the many shrines built against it.

- **Show First Picture ... Picture of Gates of Hades..** . In the center of the Rock of the Gods is a huge cave, from which a stream flowed out from the rock beneath the mouth of the cave). **This cave was called the “Gates of Hades”, because it was believed that Baal, and the Greek Mythological gods would enter and leave the underworld through this cave.**
- **Show Second Picture of the niches...** Here are some of the niches in the rock formation. Several other shrines and temples stood here including the large one to Caesar. The niches in the wall held images of the gods Pan, Echo and Hermes.
- In the open-air Pan Shrine, next to the cave mouth, there was a large niche, in which a statue of Pan (a half-goat, half-human creature) stood, worshipped for his sexual prowess, Surrounding him in the wall were many smaller niches, in which were statues of his attending woodland nymphs whom Pan would chase to have sex

with.... On the shrine in front of these niches, worshippers of Pan would congregate and partake in sexual activities.. –

For the Jews, this setting was blasphemous and horrifying and they would not be caught dead there, yet this is where Jesus takes His disciples.... get picture ...Jesus disciples looking around...openly having sex...entering and exiting temples..and seeing the beautiful and lush landscape surrounding the headwater of the Jordan River flowing out of the mouth of this huge Cave...

this is the location where Jesus has this exchange with his disciples:

Matt 16: ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

- Jesus asks the safe question “Who do others say that I am?”
- Safe because to answer it required no conviction, no commitment, and no risk. All it requires repeating back hearsay...
- Apparently there had been a lot of speculation, rumors swirling around, a lot of wondering among those who followed and listened to Jesus —most of it well off the mark. It’s pretty much the same today.
- The Disciples said...the word out is he is a reincarnation of John the Baptist, Elijah or Jeremiah..or possibly new prophet...
- Then he asked them who they think he is

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

- What you call Jesus changes everything... Jesus’ question is an invitation to take personally and seriously the necessity to stop taking refuge in the answers of others and answer for ourselves...
- **Jesus does not ask them out of the blue ...he ask them from what they have heard and witnessed and participated in... Jesus performed miracles, gave sight to the blind, restored hearing to the deaf. He cured lepers. Healed by touch or merely by His word. Jesus raised the dead. the **despised he treated with dignity, to the hopeless gave hope, to the wavering he gave faith, He reaches beyond the boundaries of race, nationality and religion ...****
- **And He teaches with authority; he dines with sinners; he helps the helpless; he defends the poor and the weak. ...all that revelation yet many did not believe...**
- **so he asks the disciples then makes it personal to Peter Peter answer: You are the Messiah means anointed one...He was chosen to be the son given to us....from God who is also God.. Why would he say this?**

- It was revealed to him by God the Father....Revelation...he could not figure that out himself...
- it was obvious you are the Messiah...the son of God...
- But Jesus reveals something to him...he did not know...

*MT 16: 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not **revealed** to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.*

- You did not get this revelation...from your Dad Jonah... nor did you get it because you are smarter, more religious, better trained, more loved any earthly attributes!...you got it because my Father Revealed it to you!
- it was supernatural revelation!
- you must have this revelation before you are given any more revelation from God...Revelation is built upon Revelation...that is why we are ever learning about God... you must receive that Revelation before you can receive any new revelation...
- after the Father in heaven reveals to Peter who Jesus is...Jesus further revelation...this revelation is what the church will be built upon!
- And it will stand ...

Matt 16: 18 And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it

the rock what Rock? 1) the catholics believed Peter the rock was given the keys and represents.. clergy...or Priest.. 2) the protestant tradition Jesus is the Rock, the cornerstone and the church is the rock living stones, built upon the confession of Jesus the chief cornerstone...but there is more..all true

look at the context...Why would Jesus choose this place, the filthiest morally place, he took them to the most degenerate place possible to tell them?..."this is where I want to build my church ." My Rock against this Rock!

I want you to go out into the degenerate places, where God is not known. I want you to go to places that make Casera Phillippi look tame, that is where I want you to build my church. Because that is exactly what they would do later! they went to the ends of the earth where despicable gods would be worshipped and they would suffer and be persecuted,and he tells them.. you now have supernatural power in the supernatural

*¹⁹ I will give you the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "*

- Peter got it and I hope we get it.... This Revelation....this Rock..this cornerstone of understanding is what Jesus will build his church upon...and the gates of Hades...the underworld will not overcome it...say the Mighty God!

Because the keys of authority have been given to the church!

- Keys mean authority and power...who has keys has the power to unlock and lock doors!
- You will have the power to bind...hinder...lock up...restrain .. tie up..you will have binding power in the supernatural....in the supernatural because you belong to the Kingdom of the supernatural..
- and you will be able to loose...free up...unfetter...release...deliver those in bondage on the earth...those on earth held by the enemies of God!
- Peter received that revelation... and authority
- and that revelation prepared he and the disciples for the next revelation....
- but this one they were not ready to receive!
- Jesus reveals new information...it was like he withheld this until he acknowledged who he was...God
- then he reveals to them what he is going to have happen...

MT 16: 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life

- Peter starts his ministry of binding on the wrong foot...

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

- Peter rebukes “The Lord revelations” for having a plan that Peter does not agree with...Because it does not fit his human reasoning and plans...how he thought God would act or should act...
- be careful of calling what God speaks wrong...binding this and binding that...we just might be attempting to bind the word of God...
- But know this..every new revelation brings some kind of persecution from those who do not possess the revelation!

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

- And the Lord calls him Satan for he has not the mind of Christ (i.e. purposes of Christ) so is actually against Christ...like Satan...
- **Why? because Satan is always trying to drive the word of God out of us!!**
- **Jesus planted a revelation of Gods will and word into Peter...and like what the enemy does....Peter pulled it out!!**
- **the enemy is always trying to pull the word out :**

Mark 4:19 but **the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things** come in and choke **the word**, making it unfruitful.

- Remember they are in he region of the gate of Hades...where the demons enter into the affairs of men from the underworld...
- Peter just messed up real bad, with the Lord...I wonder what Jesus is going to do?
- Well let's see....he gives him a new revelation!

MT 16: 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

- **what does it mean to lose your life? it means to be willing to lose all that you hold dear in this life? power, position, all that you have worked for and finally attained...people....all of how you want and view life ought to be!**
- **You have to give up leading your life...and follow where I take you!**
- **and if you try to keep that you will lose it anyway!**
- **so the decision is simple reallyif I want to gain life lose it!**
- **for I know how to take care of your soul!**
- **the paradox of our faith...keep and lose...lose and keep**
- **and this is a great trade... it will be good for you...and you will be rewarded...**
- **and Ps ...some of you will live longer than others...**

27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 28 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- after six days ...and then it seems he took them up Mount Herman

...then he gives them a further revelation...to verify his word...He knows whats best!
He takes Peter, James and John up alone to a mountain and allows them to see who

he really is in his heavenly body and clothes...and Moses and Elijah are revealed to them as not dead but very alive

Matt 17:1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Another revelation from the Father...

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."

- **Another Revelation ...Don't be afraid of my Father...he is yours also...**

8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

- **another revelation ...keep this hidden until the proper time...when it can be received...**
- **the disciples ask a question the religious leaders have been asking a biblical question from Malachi....that Elijah would come announcing the Messiah...the answer is not apparent.. so where is Elijah?**

10 The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

- **Jesus answers**

11 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things.

- **Jesus answers most definitely Elijah must come before the Messiah comes to restore all things...**
- **But I now reveal the answer...he has come**

12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished.....

- **and he lost his life for my sake...he did announce me...but he has life still**

12b.....In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

- **they understood the revelation for the first time...**

13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

- **the revelation of the other side...gave them the foundation to understand the spiritual revelation...**
- **John came he did what he was supposed to and he left and it is all good!**
- **they have received a key...power to grasp the supernatural through Revelation**

- **Why does Jesus do this? Revelation gives greater knowledge which gives greater authority and power ...or Keys to lock and unlock the Supernatural kingdom**
- they received the key of greater faith! through Revelation...Peter had the faith to acknowledge who I was to him...but still thought along with other disciples that his plans were as valid, as well thought out as I....
- Remember I was building twelve men on whom his message would be sent to the world but they were men like other men...they still needed to be built up...
- So that is what he did....

So what does this mean to you and I?

- the keys are supernatural revelation followed by authority...
- they are gained as we follow Jesus...denying ourselves leadership and following his will as he reveals it...
- **there are many keys ..and keys possess authority! there is the key of the power of forgiveness... key of the power of generosity, key of healing, when you love you bind the enemy and loose healing.. ...key of casting out demons... key of prophecy, tongues, key of wisdom...the key of faith with the power to overcome suffering...the key of the power of Joy! all revealed as we follow Jesus...**
- we grow through Revelation....and Revelation is progressive... but you must be receptive
- Every Revelation comes from God and changes you by giving you a key to now loose and bind ...which before you did not possess
- We all have different key as we grow...but know this the babes among us have great spiritual authority ...speak it
- and be open to learning more... ...until he returns!

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- **but you must be receptive, to having more revealed..after Jesus sent out seventy two disciples...they came back for a debrief...**

Luke 10:17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

- **this was a huge Revelation to them...average Joe blow disciples had the key of power over the enemy...**
- **us average Joes have that key also...I don't know what I can do some say...well you can bind the enemy!**
- **Jesus reveals something new to them...**

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority (the key) to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

- **But don't rejoice over your power ...rejoice that you belong to the Kingdom! which is the source!**
- **this made Jesus so happy!**

luke 10:21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

- **Revelation can be hidden from some...the worldly wise and learned...**
- **listen God does not give a premium for ignorance...but learning is a problem when it overshadows the work of God ! in fact the most learned religious people of the day, attributed Jesus power his use of Keys to lock and unlock...to the Devil...and Jesus warned them they are in danger of blaspheming the spirit...**
- **He reveals to those who like children want to learn from Him! Remember...these were fishermen, tax collectors ...peasants ...losers...who were given the revelation of Jesus and the keys...**

²² “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” ²³ Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.”

- **He says to his disciples..you are blessed with the revelation to see what this is... you get it! when something is revealed you see it..**
- **and the opposite is true also...when something is hidden you don't see it even if it is right in front of your face!**

²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

Going back to Peter in Matt 16...