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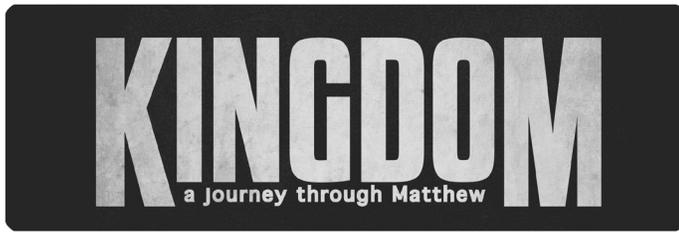
**THE INSTITUTION AND CONFESSION OF THE CHURCH**  
Matthew 16:1-28

**The Characters in Matthew 16...**

- The Pharisees and Sadducees...
  - The Pharisees...
    - Marked by self-\_\_\_\_\_ : asserting themselves in the face of God.
  - The Sadducees...
    - Marked by self-\_\_\_\_\_ : pleasing themselves apart from God.
  - Together...
    - They were focused on \_\_\_\_\_ matters.
    - They were blind to \_\_\_\_\_ realities.
- The Disciples...
  - Marked by self-\_\_\_\_\_ : crucifying themselves for the glory of God.
  - The lesson...
    - They would leave behind temporal \_\_\_\_\_.
    - They would live for eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Church in Matthew 16...**

- The community of people who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus intimately.
  - A true understanding of Christ comes not from \_\_\_\_\_ invention.
  - A true understanding of Christ comes only from \_\_\_\_\_ revelation.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ you say Jesus is will determine everything about \_\_\_\_\_ you follow him.
- The community of people who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus confidently.
  - The rock of the church: the \_\_\_\_\_ of God proclaiming the gospel of Christ.
  - Death cannot stop this \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Death will not stop his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Christ gives his authority to the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - We speak with the authority of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Is Peter the first pope?
    - This text is not about a supreme pope; it's about a \_\_\_\_\_ Savior.
    - This text is not about a necessary pope; it's about a \_\_\_\_\_ declaration.
    - This text is not about an infallible pope; it's about an \_\_\_\_\_ mission.
- The community of people who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus sacrificially.
  - Jesus would suffer \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We now suffer \_\_\_\_\_.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ up your cross.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ life.
    - Eagerly \_\_\_\_\_ the King to come.
    - Eternally \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom to come.



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### The Characters in Matthew 16...

- The Pharisees and Sadducees...
  - The Pharisees...
    - Marked by self-righteousness: asserting themselves in the face of God.
  - The Sadducees...
    - Marked by self-indulgence: pleasing themselves apart from God.
  - Together...
    - They were focused on temporal matters.
    - They were blind to eternal realities.
- The Disciples...
  - Marked by self-denial: crucifying themselves for the glory of God.
  - The lesson...
    - They would leave behind temporal pursuits.
    - They would live for eternal pleasure.

### The Church in Matthew 16...

- The community of people who know Jesus intimately.
  - A true understanding of Christ comes not from human invention.
  - A true understanding of Christ comes only from divine revelation.
  - Who you say Jesus is will determine everything about how you follow Him.
- The community of people who proclaim Jesus confidently.
  - The rock of the church: the people of God proclaiming the gospel of Christ.
  - Death cannot stop this Messiah.
    - Death will not stop His messengers.
  - Christ gives His authority to the church.
    - We speak with the authority of Christ.
  - Is Peter the first pope?
    - This text is not about a supreme pope; it's about a sovereign Savior.
    - This text is not about a necessary pope; it's about a non-negotiable declaration.
    - This text is not about an infallible pope; it's about an invincible mission.
- The community of people who obey Jesus sacrificially.
  - Jesus would suffer necessarily.
  - We now suffer willingly.
    - Die to yourself.
    - Take up your cross.
    - Follow Jesus.
    - Find life.
    - Eagerly expect the King to come.
    - Eternally experience the kingdom to come.