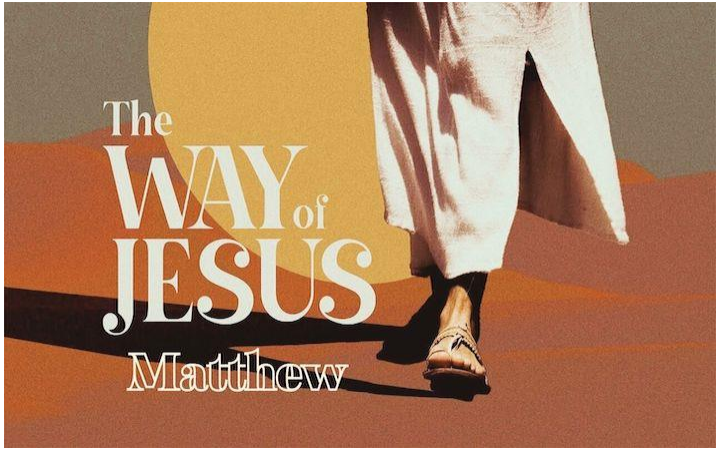


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for Aug 27, 2023:
The Way of Jesus - Matthew: The Messiah



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - Share an example of how someone showed you their faith in Jesus by their actions and not just their words.
- **GROW** *in Christ*

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 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." 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. 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. 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." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16: 13-20

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - Peter's answer showed that Jesus was actually God ("the Son of the Living God"). How different is that from the "Messiah" that Israel was looking for?
 - Why do you think Jesus said that flesh and blood did not reveal Peter's answer to him?
 - On what did Jesus say He would build His Church?
 - How is Peter's confession related to the "keys of the kingdom of heaven"?
 - What does Jesus mean when He says, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven?"
- **SERVE** *others*
Who might God want you to tell about who Jesus is by your actions as well as your words?
 - **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**