

# **“Jesus and the Church”**

## **Matt. 16:13-20**

### Introduction

- I. Despite efforts from some, you cannot separate Jesus and the church.
- II. There are special connections between Jesus and the church.

### Discussion

- I. Jesus is the One responsible for the church existing.
  - A. Jesus built His church and none other (Matt. 16:13-20).
  - B. Jesus purchased the church (Acts 20:28; cf. Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Acts 4:12; John 14:6).
- II. Jesus is the One who leads the church.
  - A. Jesus has all authority (Matt. 28:18; cf. 1 Cor. 14:37).
  - B. Jesus is the Head of the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).
  - C. Jesus is Chief Cornerstone (1 Pet. 4:-10).
- III. Jesus is the One who saves the church.
  - A. We are saved by the blood of Christ (Eph. 1:7; Rev. 1:5; 5:9).
  - B. We are “delivered” by Christ (Col. 1:13-14; Acts 26:17-18).
  - C. Salvation is found in the church (Eph. 5:23).

### Conclusion

- I. You cannot separate Jesus and His bride/church (Rev. 21:2, 9).
- II. It is a privilege to be a part of the church because of the special connections that Jesus has with the church.