

## Questions on Matthew chapter 16

1. Why are the Pharisees teaming up with the Sadducees? I thought they were enemies. Verse 1.

2. In what way were the Pharisees tempting (testing) Jesus in asking for a “sign from heaven”? Verse 1.

3. Do we have a modern weather prediction like that of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Verses 2-3.

4. Can you name any of the “signs of the times” the Pharisees and Sadducees should have been able to discern? Verse 3.

5. What was the sign of the prophet Jonah? Verse 4.

6. What had the disciples forgotten to take when they went to the other side of Galilee? Verse 5.

7. How was it a lack of faith for the disciples to think they were being reproached for bringing no bread? Verses 7-10.

8. What was it that Jesus referred to as “the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees”? Verses 11-12.

9. Tell something about John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah that would have made some people identify each one with Jesus. Verses 13-14.

10. What two propositions did Peter affirm in his answer to Jesus’ question? Verses 15-16.

11. Was Jesus pleased with Peter’s answer? Verse 17.

12. What did “flesh and blood” reveal about Jesus’ question? Verse 17. (See verse 14)

13. How do you think the “Father which is in heaven” revealed the answer to Peter? Verse 17.

14. Which makes more sense: (1) The church shall be built on Simon Peter (*petros*), or, (2) The church shall be built on the confession Peter had just made (*petra*)? Verse 18.

15. How many churches did Jesus promise to build? Verse 18.

16. The word for hell here is *hades*, meaning “the unseen,” in other words, the *hadean* world. What thought does this bring up? Verse 18.

17. Can you think of a way (or ways) Peter used the keys of the kingdom? Verse 19.

18. What is taught in Peter being given power to bind and loose? Verse 19.

19. Why did Jesus not want His disciples to tell what they knew at this point? Verse 20.

20. Why do you think Jesus gave the first plain prediction of His death at this time? Verse 21.

21. Why do you think Jesus was so upset with Peter's rebuke? Verses 22-23.

22. What is necessary if we would be a disciple, according to Jesus? Verse 24.

23. The words "life" and "soul" come from the same original word. In failing to follow Jesus, what life is saved and what life is lost? Verses 25-26.

24. Since men are to be finally rewarded according to their works, what life is the most important? Verse 27.

25. The coming to judge the world suggested another coming - the Son of man coming in His kingdom. When did that take place? Verse 28.