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Jesus Christ

Matt 16:13 - 20
When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



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Jesus Christ

Matt 16:13 - 20
Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."



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Matt 16:13 - 20

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loose in heaven." Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

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History : Caesarea Philippi

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1. Jewish tradition & book of Enoch. The gathering of rebellious angels to descend upon the daughters of men.
2. Territory of Bashan. 'place of the serpent'. (1 Chron 5:23)
3. Ancient worship of Asherah and Baal. Mnt Baal-Hermon (Judges 3:3)
4. Ptolemaic kings built a cult center around 300BC.
5. Greek god of Pan.
6. Gates of Hades. 20BC, Herod built a temple of white marble.

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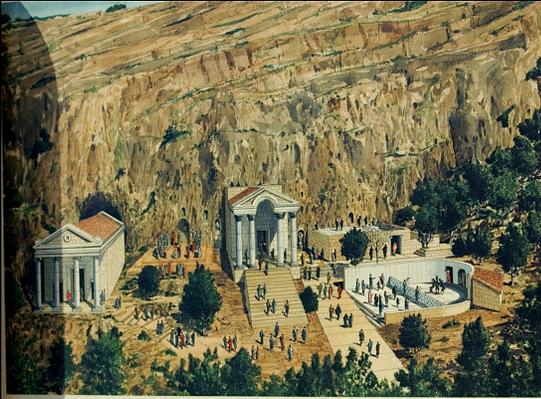
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Temple/Palace: Sanctuary of 'pan'

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Banias: Remnants of Philips palace:

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Banias: Remnants of the Temple of 'pan'

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Banias: Remnants of the Temple of 'pan'

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Banias: 'Gates of Hades'

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Jesus Christ

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Questions:

- Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?
- But who do YOU say that I am?

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1. The TRUE Jesus

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Gal 1:6 - 12

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

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1. The TRUE Jesus

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Gal 1:6 - 12

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation OF Jesus Christ.

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1. The TRUE Jesus

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Acts 26:12 - 18

While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

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Acts 26:12 - 18

It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

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1. The TRUE Jesus

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Acts 26:12 - 18

I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, **TO OPEN THEIR EYES**, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

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'To open their eyes'

- "Eyes were opened" - 'they realized they were naked' (Gen 3:7)
- "Eyes were opened" - 'he saw no one...' (Acts 9:8)
- "Eyes were restrained" - 'so they did NOT know Him' (Luke 24:16)
- "Eyes were opened" - 'AND THEY KNEW HIM' (Luke 24:31)

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Have your eyes been opened?

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• Religious mind:

'What think ye of Christ, whose son is He?'

• Blinded mind:

'Leave us alone, what have WE to do with YOU, Jesus of Nazareth.'

• Political mind:

'What shall I do with Jesus...'

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1. The TRUE Jesus

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'Simeon Bar-Jonah'

- Simeon - 'he who hears' / 'hearing with acceptance'.
- 'Jonah' - 'dove'

'Happy are you who hear the dove with acceptance'

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2. The TRUE you.

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- Peter - Petros, 'a stone or a rock'
Vines: 'A detached stone or boulder'
- Rock - Petra 'a projecting rock'
Vines: 'A mass of rock'
- Hebrew:
Peter - 'eben' - 'rock or stone'
'ebenah' - 'build'

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2. The TRUE you.

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1 Pet 2:4 - 5

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but **CHOSEN** by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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2. The TRUE you.

- The rock is not Peter
- The rock is not confession
- The Rock is Jesus Christ

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2. The TRUE you.

1 Cor 10:1 - 4
Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were **BAPTIZED** into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. **For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.**

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2. The TRUE you.

John 7:37 - 38
On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, **"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly will flow rivers of living water."**

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2. The TRUE you.

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The Rock that becomes a river:

- You will become a rock, that produces a river.
- Two rivers, one comes from death, another from the Throne.
- When Jesus sits on the throne in your heart, the river that flows from you brings life.

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3. The TRUE church.

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'I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.'

- Jesus builds US into HIS masterpiece.
 - Jesus makes, we follow.
 - Jesus delegates authority, by giving keys.
- Gen 1:28 / Matt 16:19 / 2 Cor 5:20

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Jesus Christ

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What Now?

- Who do YOU say, that Jesus is?
- How does God see you?
- Has God got plans and purposes for you?

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