

# Keys of the Kingdom

Matthew 16:13

## Confession

- Who do people say the Son of Man is?
  - John the Baptist
  - Elijah
  - Jeremiah
  - One of the prophets

## Confession

- Who do you say I am?
  - You are the Christ,
  - the Son of the living God.

## Confession

- Blessed are you, Simon
  - son of Jonah
  - this was not revealed to you by man
  - but by my Father in heaven

## Confession

- God reveals himself to humanity.
- We recognize and confess that Jesus is Savior and Lord.

## Triumph

- And I tell you
  - that you are Peter
  - “Rock”
  - and on this rock, I will build my church

## Triumph

- Ephesians 2:19-22
  - Members of God's household
  - built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
  - with Jesus as the chief cornerstone
  - built together to become a dwelling in which God lives

## Triumph

- the gates of Hades
- powers of death
- will not overcome it

## Triumph

- Christ is building his church.
  - It will not be destroyed by evil powers arrayed against it.

## Access

- I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

## Access

- whatever you bind on earth
  - will be bound in heaven
- whatever you loose on earth
  - will be loosed in heaven

## Access

- People gain access to the kingdom through the witness and ministry of believers.

## Keys of the Kingdom

- Confess Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- Rely on God's triumphant power.
- Grant access to the kingdom.