

Don't miss the moment -

* There are many opinions of who Jesus is, yet one reality upon which Jesus builds his Church.

1. Many opinions (13-14) -

2. One reality (15-17) -

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (16)

Christ =

3. Upon which Jesus builds his Church (17-19) -

- rock (18a) -

church (ecclesia) =

Is Jesus establishing a pope? No.

- The NT never sets up a supreme human leader.
- There is no biblical evidence Peter led the church in Rome.
- Doctrinal disputes were not resolved by Peter's supremacy.
- The church fathers did not recognize a supreme, infallible papacy.
- The papacy is supposedly vital for blank, but it has become a means of blank.

What is Jesus referring to? Three options.

- The rock is Peter.
- The rock is Peter's confession.
- The rock is Christ.

* The rock is Peter in his confessing Christ.

- Dates (18b)

- Keys (19)

"Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ." (20)