

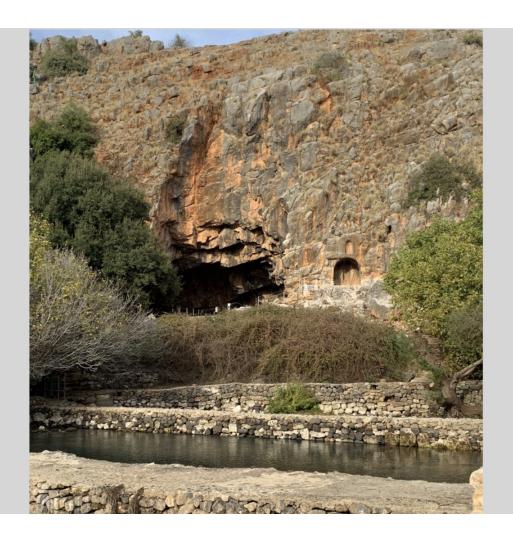
* There are **many opinions** of who Jesus is, yet one **reality** upon which **Jesus builds** his **Church**.

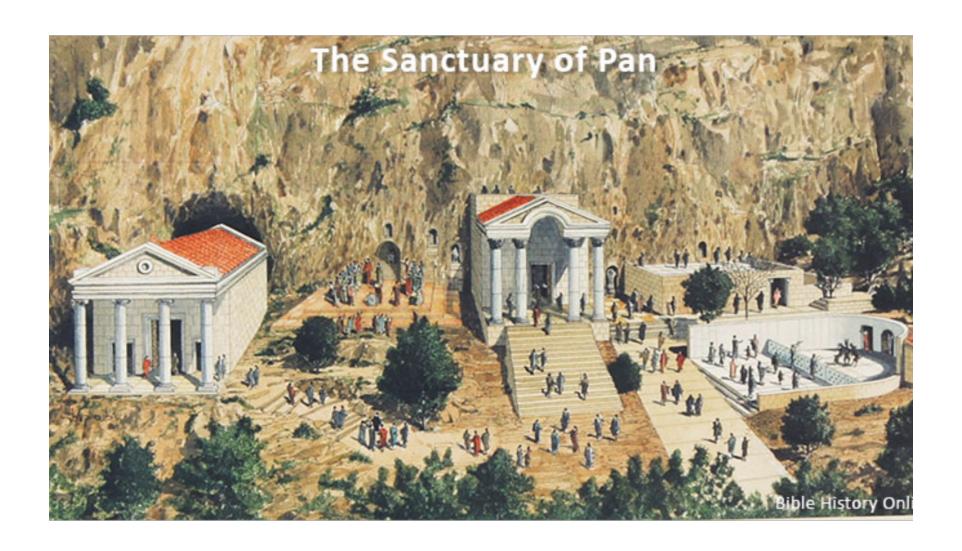
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"And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." (13-14)

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- 52% believe Jesus committed sins like other people.

46% do not believe Jesus sinned.

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63% say they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus as their Savior.

98% believe there is one true God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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Just over 50% believe Jesus was a great teacher but was not God.

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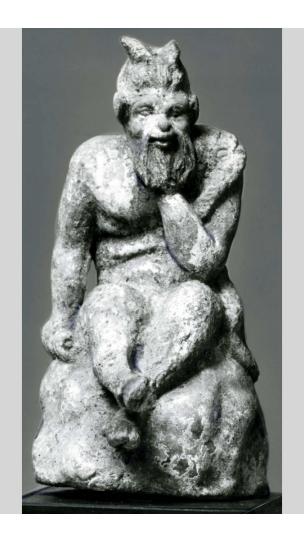
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"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?" (15)

"Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (16)

Christ (Christos) = the Messiah,
"Anointed One"

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



"And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." (17)

revealed (apokalupto) = to disclose,

to take off the cover,

to unveil

"All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, "and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Matthew 11:27

"I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather be his than have riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands
I'd rather be led by his nail-pierced hands"
Rhea Miller

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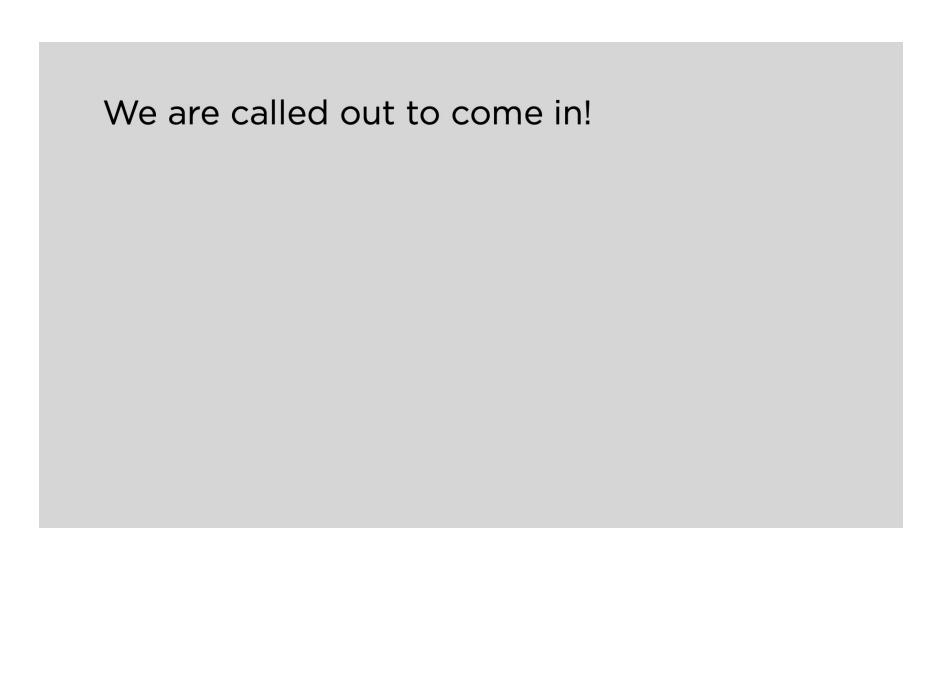
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- 2. One <u>reality</u>
- 3. Upon which **Jesus builds** his **church** (17-19)

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church (ecclesia) = called out ones, assembly

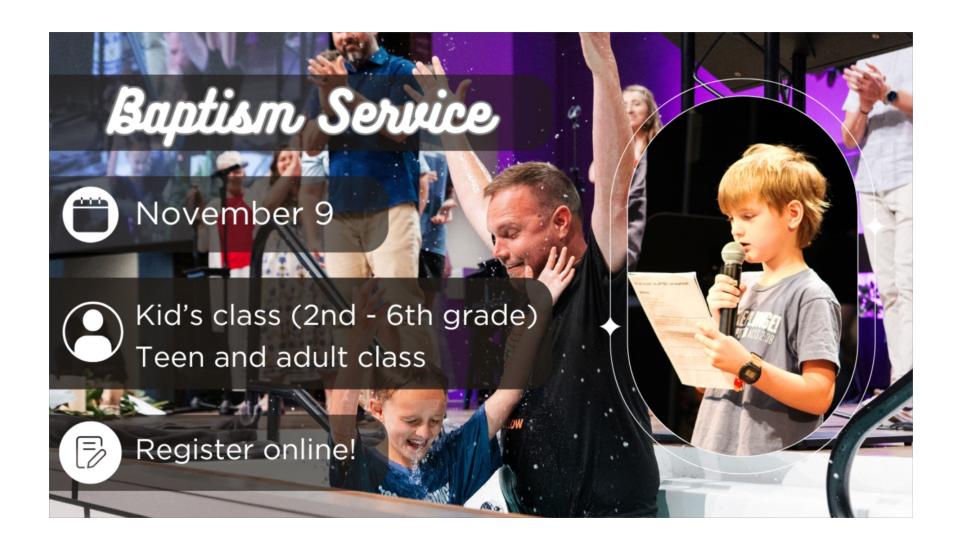


We are called out to come in! An assembly of called out ones. "And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:40-41

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"Therefore, faithfully adhering to the tradition received from the beginning of the Christian faith . . .

"we teach and define as divinely revealed dogma that when the Roman Pontiff speaks EX CATHEDRA,

"that is, when, in the exercise of his office as shepherd and teacher of all Christians, in virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, "he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Church, "he possesses, by divine assistance promised to him in blessed Peter, that infallibility which the divine Redeemer willed his Church to enjoy in defining doctrine concerning faith or morals. "Therefore, such definitions of the Roman Pontiff are of themselves, and not by the consent of the Church, irreformable."

Vatican I

Is Jesus establishing a **Pope**?

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The NT never sets up a <u>supreme human</u>
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- "... built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone," Ephesians 2:20

 There is no biblical evidence <u>Peter</u> led the <u>church in Rome</u>. Doctrinal disputes were not resolved by <u>Peter's supremacy</u>. The church fathers did not recognize a supreme, infallible papacy. "Assuredly the rest of the apostles were also the same as Peter, endowed with a like partnership both of honor and power; but the beginning proceeds from unity."

Cyprian of Carthage "Did Peter receive the keys and Paul not receive them? Did Peter receive them, and John and James and the other apostles not receive them? "... What was given to Peter was given to the whole church."

Augustine

"We are still waiting the explanation how it is that, until 1830 years had passed, the Church did not formulate into an article of faith, "a doctrine which the Pope . . . calls the very foundation principle of Catholic faith and doctrine?"

Johann Dollinger

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The rock is **Christ**.

* The rock is **Peter in his confessing Christ**.

Gavin Ortlund

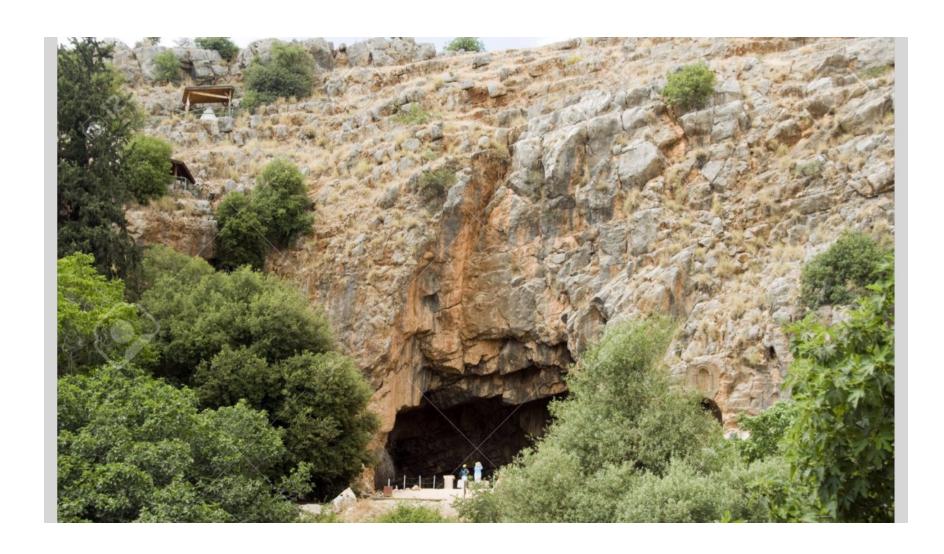
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- Peter and later the other apostles became part of the "rock" as they confess Christ. (Eph. 2:20, Gal. 2:9)

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"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (18)



"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,"

John 11:25

- <u>Rock</u> (18a)
- <u>Gates</u> (18b)
- **Keys** (19)

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (19) "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

Luke 11:52

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; "that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

"Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ." (20) "From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." (21)