

**Faith on the Roller Coaster**  
***When Truth Breaks Through***  
**June 21, 2009**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**Discussion Questions**

Can you think of a time when you said something or heard someone else say something that changed everything?  
Why did those words change everything?

Why did Jesus ask them these questions?  
Why didn't Jesus just tell them who He was instead of asking this question?

What does it mean that God revealed this answer to Peter?

What is different about Peter's answer from all the other answers?  
What does Peter's answer mean?  
How does it change everything for Peter and for everyone else?

Picture Jesus asking you that question directly, "Who do you say that I am?"  
How would you answer?  
Why?  
Does it make a difference in your life how you answer?