

**Daily Devotions
for the Week of July 7**
WDJS (What Did Jesus Say?)

Monday (7-8)

Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Human One is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” (Matthew 16.13-14) How might people answer that question today? Who is Jesus for people? Ask some and see what they say.

Tuesday (7-9)

He said, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16.15-16) We hear Peter’s response, but I am wondering about the other 11 who seemed silent. What were they thinking? What do you think?

Wednesday (7-10)

Then Jesus replied, “Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you.” (Matthew 16.17) If no one else knows, where does this insight for Peter come from? From whom do you think ours come?

Thursday (7-11)

I tell you that you are Peter. And I’ll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won’t be able to stand against it. (Matthew 16.18) Peter is the Rock! And down through the ages, Jesus is still building the church. How can we help for the next generations to come?

Friday (7-12)

I’ll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. (Matthew 16.19) Are you more of a fastener or a loosener? How do you see both fitting in the kingdom of heaven?

Saturday (7-13)

Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ. (Matthew 16.20) There is a time to speak and a time to be silent. (Ecclesiastes 3.7b) Later he would command them to go and speak, but not yet. Why?