

“WHAT SIDE OF THE GATE ARE YOU ON?”

Matthew 16:2-4 (NASB)

When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ And in the morning, ‘There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times? An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.” And He left them and went away.

Matthew 12:40 (NASB)

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth...

Matthew 16:5 (NASB)

And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread.

Matthew 16:6 (NASB)

And Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matthew 16:7 (NASB)

They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, “He said that because we did not bring any bread.”

Matthew 16:8-12 (NASB)

“You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Then they

understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Matthew 16:13 (NASB)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

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Matthew 16:14 (NASB)

“Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”

Matthew 16:15 (NASB)

He said to them, “But who do you say I am?”

Matthew 16:16 (NASB)

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:17 (NASB)

And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:18 (NASB)

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.