

DID GOD REALLY SAY THAT?



SERMON OUTLINES

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Part #1 – All Religions Lead to Heaven

Matthew 16:13-17

Series Summary

The phrase "The Bible says..." has been used many times over the years to promote or teach subjects that sounded Biblical but are far from accurate. This series will confront some of the myths that our culture has become convinced are true. Our goal is to arm you with the Truth of God's Word and tackle common myths about God and His Word such as (1) All roads lead to heaven, (2) God helps those who help themselves, (3) God simply wants you to be happy, and much more.

Theme Passage

John 14:6 – Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Main Passage

Matthew 16:13-17 – ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And 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.

**Big Idea – The Myth of Man is Conquered by the Timeless Truth...
Jesus Christ is the Answer**

Three Timeless Truths

Truth #1 – Truth Triumphs Over Myth – Jesus is the Sacrificial Lamb of God

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- **Key Point** – The first truth that we examine is observed in verses 13-14. It is within these verses that we discover the reality that God’s Truth always triumphs over the myth of man.

Truth #2 – Absolute Truth is Defined by the Creator – Jesus is the Unique Son of God

Matthew 16:15-16 – ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

- **Key Point** – The second truth that we examine is observed in verses 15-16. It is within these verses that we discover the reality that God’s absolute Truth is defined by Him as the Creator. Truth is not defined by man and it transcends culture and time.

Truth #3 – Truth Transcends Belief...Jesus is the Resurrection and Life

Matthew 16:17 – ¹⁷And 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.

- **Key Point** – The final truth that we examine is observed in verse 17. It is within these verses that we discover the reality that God’s Truth always transcends an individual’s good intentions to believe something is true. You can sincerely believe something is true only to find out that you are wrong. This is why we live according to God’s standard which is eternal truth and gives us the eternal standard.

Memory Verse

John 14:6 (ESV) – Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others discover more about Jesus this week by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday Morning Service
- Asking others how you could pray for them