



## **Week #2: Who Do You Say I Am?**

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Matthew 16:13–18 (NIV)

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### **The Parable of the Tenants**

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John 20:31 (CEV)

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*I believe that you are God, I believe my sins are forgiven and I believe you love me. Amen.”*

**Discussion questions:**

1. In Matthew 16, people had many different ideas about who Jesus was. What are some of the common ways people today describe or think about Jesus? Where do you think those ideas come from?
2. Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say I am?" How would you personally answer that question right now?
3. Peter's response recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, which leads to surrender. What are some reasons people struggle to fully surrender their lives to Jesus? Are there areas where surrender is still challenging for you?
4. Is there an area of your life where Jesus might be inviting you to trust or surrender to him more right now?

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