

Acts # 2

**“I Will Build My Church”**

*Matthew 16:18*

**Any church founded by someone other than Jesus Christ is not Jesus Christ's church.**

If the Lord didn't build the house; in this case the church, those who did build it, labored in vain.

*No Christian should be a member of any spiritual organization or church that man was responsible for starting; we should be members of the church Jesus Christ established.*

**The Lord Jesus was training the disciples to focus on Him by trusting in Him because He's more than capable of handling any challenge in life, however difficult it may seem as illustrated by the stormy, tempestuous waves of the sea crashing against and into the boat.**

Our Lord began Matthew 16 warning the disciples about not falling for the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees; their false doctrine created from the vacuum they had within them from rejecting Jesus' Messianic claims.

**Although mankind often has some terrible things to say about those who call themselves, Christians, very few have criticized Jesus Himself as a bad character.**

The only problem with that is the elephant in the room which is the fact that Jesus, the nice, moral, upstanding, holy man, claimed to be God in the flesh.

*He's the eternal Second member of the Trinity who entered human history, taking on the form of His creation in order to provide salvation for those lost to themselves.*

**Peter has come to understand this powerful life-changing truth the same way we do from the mentorship and revelation of God the Holy Spirit and our response to His ministry to us when we accept His testimony as true.**

God the Holy Spirit reveals the truth of the Gospel to many people but they reject it because of their free-will negative reactionary attitude.

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