

MARTIN LUTHER

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I find myself in quite a difficulty this afternoon. To discuss the subject of Martin Luther in a few minutes is extremely difficult because it is a large subject with many facets and many aspects to it. And I find it particularly difficult this afternoon because I feel I must preface it with a passage of Scripture and it is rather hard to deal with this passage without taking a bit of time, but I'll try to go as fast as I can. The passage to which I would like to call your attention is Matthew 16, verses 13 to 23:

v.13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

v.14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

v.15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

v.16 And Simon Peter answered and said unto him, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

v.17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed are thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

v. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

v. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.