

v.20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

v.21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

v.22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

v.23 But he turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thous art and offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

This is an extremely important passage and our whole attitude toward the church of Christ. You notice that Jesus said "Upon this rock I will build my church." What is the rock upon which Jesus will build His church? In the Greek there is a word used for "rock" which is different from the word that is used for "Peter." "Thou art Peter", is a word which means a little stone or a little rock, and when He says "Upon this rock", it is a word which means a big rock, a cliff. "You are Peter, you are a stone, you're solid, but upon this great rock, this great declaration you just made, this fact that Jesus Christ is indeed the sone of the living God, that He is the second person of the Trinity,-upon this rock I am going to build my church," He said.

About three years ago I visited the largest ecclesiastical edifice in the world, St.Peter's Cathedral in Rome, and there in that church I stood under the great dome, and looking up at it, there, I saw around the dome in great and splendid letters of gold, the words in Latin: Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will