

build my church." And in Latin the two words "rock" and "Peter" have the same word here; it is not two different words as in the Greek, and it sounds as if Peter was the rock instead of the deity of Christ, the rock on which the church of Christ is to be built. You know, I noticed a strange thing. I noticed that there they had this verse, this 18th verse of Matthew 16, in those great tremendous letters up there, but I looked all around the church and I couldn't find anywhere that they had quoted the 23rd verse. Just five verses later where Jesus had turned to Peter and said, "Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Somebody said "A text without a context is only a pretext." And if you're going to understand verse 18 you've got to look also at verse 23 and see that the man Peter was a fallible human being who could make terrible mistakes, and when he stood on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, Jesus said, "You're a rock and on this great rock I am going to build my church," but when he denied the word of God and said, "Lord, this shall not be unto thee," Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan, thou savourest not the things that be of God. Thou art an offense unto me." Peter was a human being, a great and good human being, one of the best that ever lived, but like all of us, he was fallible and made his mistakes.

Now you will often hear it said that Martin Luther came out of the Roman Catholic Church, that the Roman Catholic Church goes back to the time of Jesus Christ, but that Protestant churches come since the time of Martin Luther, and that is an absolutely false statement, a complete misinterpretation of history. Jesus founded a church on the deity of Christ, on the solid basis as explained a little further on in this passage I read; that the