

The Gospels

Peter's Confession

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*"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me **draws them**"*

— John 6:44

*"No one can come to me unless the Father has **enabled them.**"*

— John 6:65

"I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel..."

— Martin Luther,
Small Catechism

"[Jesus] asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.'"

— Matthew 16:13-20

Truths From Peter's Confession

1. Messiah = son of God (16:16).
2. Jesus is both son of God (16:16) and son of man (16:13).
3. Many people seriously wonder who Jesus is (16:14).
4. Only God can reveal the truth of Jesus' true and full identity to human beings (16:17).

What About Today?

1. Common mistakes people make today in their assessment of Jesus:
 - A. Jesus is only a man.
 - B. Jesus most important contribution to the world was his moral teachings and the example He was for right living.
 - C. Jesus is the re-creation of michael the archangel, the first created being who then created everything else (Jehovah's Witnesses)
 - D. Jesus, brother of Satan, was a child of both the Creator and one of his goddess wives who became the man Jesus and through his work, made it possible for men who follow to achieve godhood for themselves.
2. Salvation is only possible when one rightly understands that God, in Jesus, has opened the only way to reconciliation with Himself through the cross and resurrection. When we confess our sin and believe in Jesus as God and Savior who alone forgives our sins and saves/justifies us, we find new life.

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	<p>A Annunciation</p> <p>B Birth</p> <p>C Coronation</p> <p>D Desert Temptations</p> <p>E Evening Encounter</p> <p>F Full-Time Followers</p> <p>G Galilean Ministry</p> <p>H Healings</p> <p>I I Am</p> <p>J Jewish Opposition</p> <p>K Kingdom Teachings (parables)</p> <p>L Lost Son</p> <p>M Mountain Messages</p> <p>N Nain Miracle</p> <p>O Open Mouths Filled</p> <p>P Peter's Confession</p> <p>Q Questions of Divinity</p> <p>R Raising of Lazarus</p> <p>S Sunday of Palms</p> <p>T Temple Cleansing</p> <p>U Unhappy Night (Maundy Thursday)</p> <p>V Vanishing Acts (Garden of Gethsemane)</p> <p>W Whips and Witnesses (trial)</p> <p>X EXecution</p> <p>Y Yells at the Cross</p> <p>Z Zenith of Our Life - The World's Hope</p>	