

**“The Bold
Proclamation”
Matthew 16:1-20**

#1 Jesus gives a strong word of caution (vv. 1-12).

- **The Pharisees and Sadducees knew more about WEATHER PATTERNS than GOD'S WORD (v. 2-3).**

- Jesus said THE EVIDENCE was right in front of them (v. 4).
- Leaven causes GROWTH or EXPANSION (v. 6).
- Be careful whose WORDS you BELIEVE (v. 12).

#2 Jesus responds to Simon's bold words (vv. 13-20).

- **What did the RUMOR
MILL say about Jesus
(vv. 13-15)?**

***“People in Jesus’ day
saw similarities
between the preaching,
character, and lifestyle
of Jesus and these
great prophets of God”
(D.A. Carson).***

- **Simon's statement SET THE COURSE for the rest of his life (v. 16).**
- **Keys are used to GAIN ENTRANCE (v. 19).**

***“Woe to you, scribes
and Pharisees! You
lock up the kingdom of
heaven from people.
For you do not go in
and you don’t allow
others to go in”
(Matthew 23:13).***

***“Woe to you experts in the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge! You didn’t go in yourselves, and you hindered those who were going in”
(Luke 11:52).***

- **Jesus' ACTIONS
validated His WORDS
(v. 20).**

