

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – June 5 - 10
Doing Life Together – I Love my Church Pt. 1

MONDAY: Matthew 8:20, Luke 9:18, Matthew 16:28

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:13

OBSERVATION: Almost all the times this title (I am) appears in the New Testament (over 80 times) it appears on Jesus' own lips or is spoken by someone in response to Jesus' use of the title. It appears to have been Jesus' favorite term to describe himself. It is frequently used as a substitute for the word "I" and that appears to be its usage here.

TUESDAY: John 1:21, Malachi 4:5

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:14

OBSERVATION: John the Baptist was known for his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 3:2). Elijah was known for his miraculous works and prophetic statements (1 Kings 17-18, 21, 2 Kings 1-2). The prophet Jeremiah was known for his compassion and concern toward God's people (Jeremiah & Lamentations). Why might

WEDNESDAY: Mark 8:27,

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THURSDAY: Isaiah 51:12, Acts 22:8, John 8:25

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:16

OBSERVATION: Though the question was directed to all the disciples, as often happened Peter spoke their response, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." At this point, three of the major titles for Jesus are brought together: Son of Man, Messiah (the Christ), and Son of God.

FRIDAY: John 21:15, Galatians 1:16, 1 Corinthians 15:50

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:17

OBSERVATION: Jesus states that he will build the church. As well-intentioned as many followers of Christ are and as skilled as they are in various forms of ministry, the church is not built by people but by Christ. It is for this reason that the church will endure and triumph. Human achievements come and go; the church grows - sometimes rapidly and sometimes slowly - depending on the building block Christ selects and uses to build his church.

SATURDAY: Romans 10:9-10, Jonah 2:6, Matthew 7:24

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:18

OBSERVATION: Jesus used two different words when telling Peter He would build His church. Jesus said, "you are Peter" (Petros), which means small stone. He then said, "and on this rock," (Petra), which means massive rock. What massive rock is Jesus referring to when He says He is going to build His church upon it?