

# Calvary Chapel Eagle

## The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 16

*(Spend time in prayer before you start this study) Read Matthew Chapter 16*

1. So many Chapters in Matthew start with the Pharisees, Sadducees or both trying to test Jesus. Do you have anyone in your life that is always trying to test your Christianity? Tell us about it.
2. Verses 1-4. What were they asking for this time?
3. Did they really want a sign? What do you think they were really looking for?
4. **Dig Deeper:** We learn about meteorology and telling the weather by the sky. Do some research and find out why the color of the sky could tell them the weather.
5. Is there more to Jesus' statement about reading the sky?
6. What are the "sign of the times" Jesus is talking about?
7. What do you think the "sign of Jonah" means? Read Jonah 1:17-2:10
8. Verses 5-12. One more time Jesus is trying to teach His disciples with a parable. One more time they miss what He is saying. What was the problem and what did they think Jesus was saying?
9. Is leaven a good thing or a bad thing? What was Jesus really trying to tell them? Read Luke 12:1-3.

10. Think about current times and the cults and false religions we have to deal with. What is some of the “leaven” they are teaching?
  
11. Verses 13-20. Jesus refers to Himself as, “the Son of Man”. How did Peter refer to Him? Why is that so important?
  
12. Peter was a regular person like you and me. What made the difference in his life that Jesus would give him such honor?
  
13. Why did Jesus tell them not to tell anyone that “He was Jesus the Christ”?
  
14. Verses 21-23. What was Jesus trying to prepare His disciples for? Why?
  
15. Jesus had just confirmed with His disciples that He was the Messiah, why was that important?
  
16. Why did Jesus say to Peter, whom He had just praised, “Get behind me Satan”?
  
17. Has Jesus ever had to say that to you? Explain if you had a time that you told Jesus how things should be done.
  
18. Verses 24-27. What does it mean to “take up your cross”?
  
19. What is Jesus saying in verse 28?