



From the message on April 6th 2025

Series Title: Easter Answers

Text: Matthew 16:13-28

From the Message

We can rightly confess Jesus and still resist His mission when we cling to our assumptions rather than surrender to His way.

Opening Interaction

Name a time when you thought you understood a topic but later found out there was more to understand.

Read the passage and discuss

1. Peter correctly confessed Jesus as the Messiah, but misunderstood what that meant.

In what ways do we still do this today—saying true things about Jesus, but resisting His way?

Can you think of examples in your own life? “If your god never disagrees with you, you might just be worshiping an idealized version of yourself.” Tim Keller

2. Jesus’ rebuke, “Get behind me, Satan,” was shocking—but also a correction, not a cancellation.

How do you typically respond to God’s correction? Have you ever sensed Him calling you back into the right position as a follower? How did you respond?

3. We learned that “The way of the cross confronts the way of control.”

What areas of your life are hardest to surrender to Jesus’ leadership? Why is that?

4. Peter eventually embraced the suffering path of Jesus and led the early church boldly.

What would it look like for you to embrace the “way of the cross” more fully this week? Where

is God inviting you to take a step of faith, obedience, or sacrifice?