

**20 - Matthew 16:1-28 – The King must die**

... coming to terms with the reality of just who Jesus is?

**Another attempt to trap Jesus**

... the sign of Jonah.

**Matthew 12:39, “He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”**

...trying to trap him, not discern who he really is.

**The danger of false teachers**

...be on their guard against the yeast of the Pharisees

... because it will infect the message of the kingdom

**Who do you say I am? - Matthew 16:13**

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God”.

Matthew 16:18-19 ... terribly twisted over time.

About ... Peter’s role in the early church.

... the gospel of Jesus = the key to the kingdom

**The cost of following**

Verse 24ff

... we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him.

...to concentrate on the needs of others ahead of yourself in a way that is costly

... to make your way towards your place of execution with the beam of the cross on your shoulders.

**For us today**

Are you convinced as to the identity of Jesus?

Western Christianity tacks Jesus on

... rarely deny ourselves much at all.