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SERMON OUTLINE –9 April 2017

Matthew 16:1 – 20 ~ Knowing Jesus

Magic eye – it's all a lie!

1. Only the Father reveals the Son - 16: 17

- Israel failed to recognise her Messiah

- We are dependent upon God.
 - Humble and thankful
 - Hopeful
 - Expectantly prayerful

2. The Father reveals his Son is the King – 16:16

- Not enough to be impressed by Jesus

- YOUR Christ

- We become what we worship – Romans 8:29; Phil 3:21; 1 Cor 15:49; 1 John 3:2

3. The work of the Son in the world – 16:18

- I will build my church

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
 Matthew 16:1 – 20

1. Remember that ‘Christ’ and ‘Messiah’ both mean ‘anointed one’. Read these old testament passages and identify the ‘office’ or ‘function / position’ of the anointed:

Passage	Office
1 Kings 19:16	
Exodus 29:1-9	
1 Samuel 10:1	

2. Can you think of places in Matthew’s gospel that would have helped the disciples to see Jesus fulfilling these roles?
3. God progressively revealed more of his planned salvation through the Old Testament period – read these passages about the one from David’s line: Psalm 2, 110:1-4; 2 Samuel 7:5-16 , Isaiah 9:6-7. What do we learn about the promised Christ / Messiah?
4. In the earliest preaching of the church (Acts 5:42; 9:22; 17:3), why do you think we find ‘Jesus the Christ’ as a title for our Lord?
5. What is Peter acknowledging in Matthew 16:16?
6. How has he come to this realization? Who has revealed it to him – v17?
7. Why does recognising that God reveals Jesus’ identity to us make us humble and thankful?
8. The disciples have seen and heard Jesus extraordinary ministry. Despite this – it has still taken them awhile to ‘get it’. How does this help us to be hopeful for those we know and love who are not yet Christians? Does this encourage you to invite non-believers to our Sunday gatherings?
9. Are you hoping and expectantly prayerful that God will reveal his Son to those known to you? Why / Why not? What would need to change for you to become so?
10. What is Jesus building in v18? What is the significance of how he describes the church? Read Romans 8:29; Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 1 John 3:2. What is our destiny as God’s people?