

The Church
Week One: Origin

Sunday, January 11, 2026

"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18b (NIV84)

1. _____.

"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:13–18 (NIV84)

A. Christ: the _____ One.

"Clothe your brother, Aaron, and his sons with these garments, and then anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they can serve as my priests."

Exodus 28:41 (NLT)

"Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul and said, "I am doing this because the LORD has appointed you to be the ruler over Israel..."

1 Samuel 10:1 (NLT)

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Micah 5:2 (NIV84)

"... Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."

Matthew 1:16 (NIV84)

B. Son of God.

"They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

Luke 22:70 (NIV84)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NIV84)

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV84)

2. _____.

A. In _____.

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:44 (NIV84)

B. In _____.

"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...⁹ you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9 (NIV84)

3. _____.

"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

Revelation 1:18 (NIV84)

A. _____ death.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV84)

B. _____ death.

"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."

Hebrews 2:14–15 (NIV84)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. ⁸ So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord..."

2 Timothy 1:7–8 (NLT)