

## Matthew 16 Study Guide

It must have been difficult to for people looking at Jesus, who seemed to them to be just like any other man, to come to grips with the idea that Jesus was far more than an ordinary man.

**READ.** In this chapter Jesus asks what people were thinking. What were some of their ideas about Jesus?

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The Pharisees and Sadducees had their own idea, verses 1 - 4. Make an inference about what they thought about Jesus. (An inference is a guess based on indirect evidence.)

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What was Peter's idea about who Jesus was? \_\_\_\_\_

But did Peter actually realize the implications of what he was saying? Peter's reaction to Jesus telling him that he would go to Jerusalem and be killed suggests he did not. What was it about Jesus' revelation to Peter that he would die in Jerusalem that seemed wrong if he was the Son of God?

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**THINK.** To help Peter come to a greater appreciation of who he was, Jesus in the next chapter allows Peter – and several of the other disciples – to see his glory. Imagine yourself in Peter's place. How would seeing Jesus as Peter did in the next chapter change you?