

The **Church**

2. The Foundation

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A preposition
meaning “out of”

ek + *klesia*

A derivative of the verb
kaleo meaning “to call”



An assembly of
people “called out”

How *ekklesia* is used in the New Testament...

The common way

1. Referring to Israel on their wilderness journey
(See Acts 7:38)
2. Referring to a gathering of citizens in Ephesus
(See Acts 19:32, 39, 41)

The Christian way

3. Referring to all the people redeemed by Christ
(See Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22)
4. Referring to Christians in a region, city or home
(See Acts 9:31, Revelation 1:11, Romans 16:5)

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Our focus today: The foundation of the church

Matthew 16:13-20

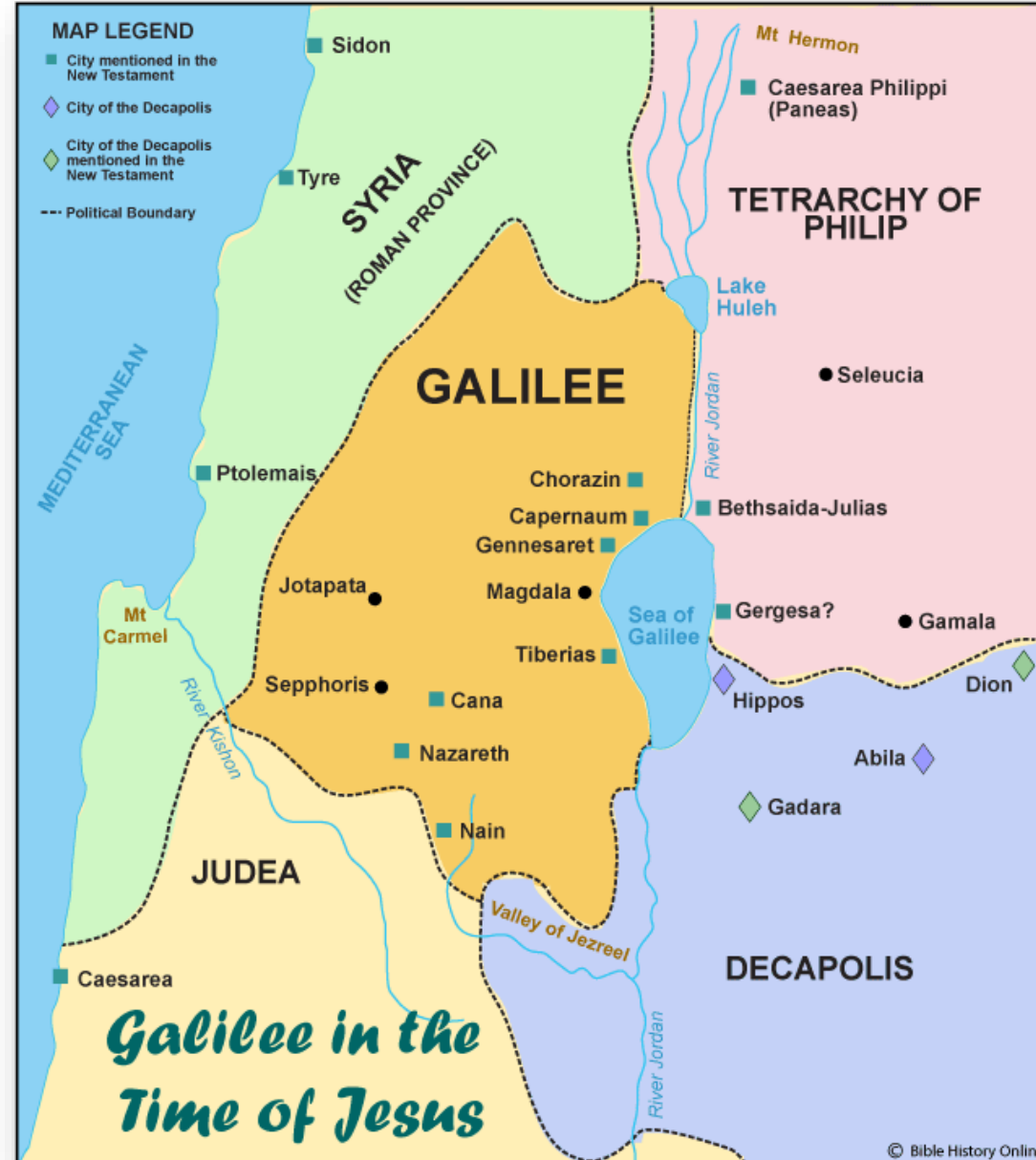
“On this rock I will build My church”

Our aim today: To understand **the text** itself

To grasp **the message** in the text

To see **the implications** for us now

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of **Caesarea Philippi**. And on the way He asked His disciples, *“Who do people say that I am?”* (Mark 8:27)

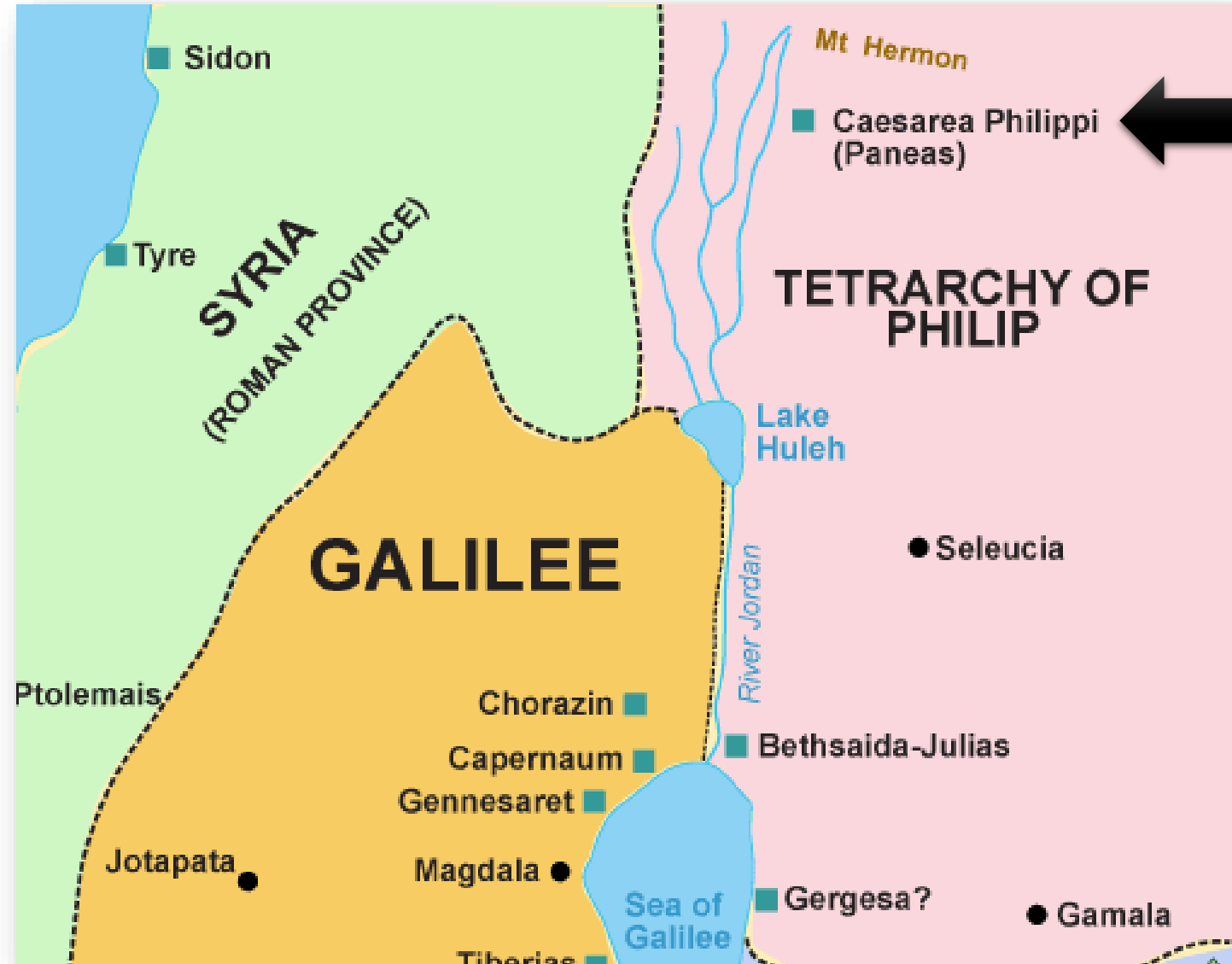


Now it happened that as **He was praying alone**, the disciples were with Him. And He asked them, *“Who do the crowds say that I am?”* (Luke 9:18)

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The text

Now when Jesus came into the district of **Caesarea Philippi**, He asked His disciples, *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* (Matthew 16:13)



“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

And they said,

“Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them,

“But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter replied,

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

(Matthew 16:13-15)

The Messiah,
the anointed one

The unique and eternal
Son of God

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The text

His confession
was made
from revelation



Simon Peter replied,

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him,

“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah!

*For **flesh and blood** has not revealed this to you,
but **My Father** who is in heaven.*

John 1:42

“And I tell you, you are Peter,

*and on this rock **I will build My church,***

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

(Matthew 16:16-18)

My ekklesia

It is eternal
and invincible

Kēphas (m) = Cephias = *Petros*

Petros (m) = Peter

Petra (f) = rock

*“And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock **I will build My church**,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

*“I will give you **the keys** of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you **bind** on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you **loose** on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

(Matthew 16:18-19)

Keys = authority

bind and **loose**
= forbid and allow

See also Matthew 18:18, John 20:23

Then He strictly charged the disciples **to tell no one that He was the Christ.**

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and **suffer many things** from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed**, and on the third day be **raised**.

(Matthew 16:20-21)

And He strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, ***“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected...”***

(Luke 9:21-22)

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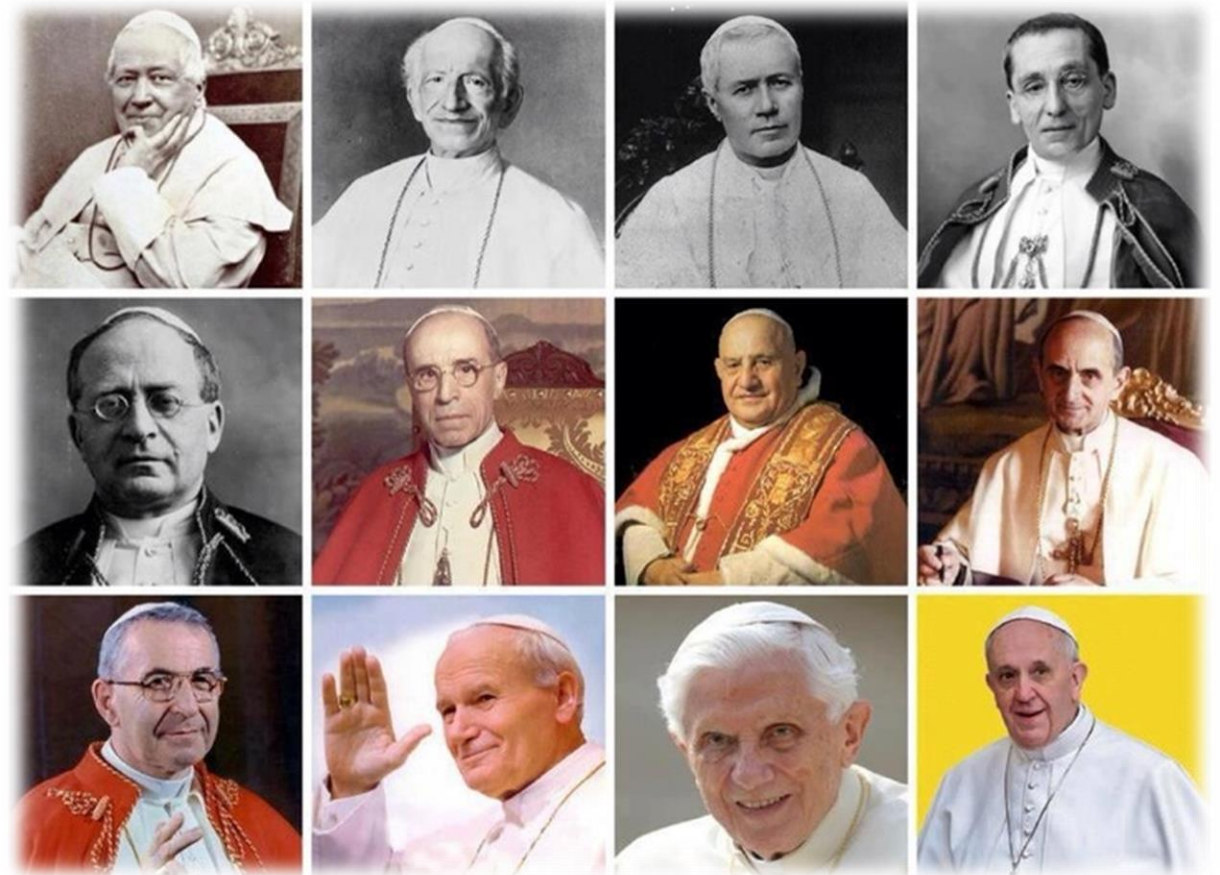
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- 266. Francis (2013—)
- 265. Benedict XVI (2005-2013)
- 264. St. John Paul II (1978-2005)
- 263. John Paul I (1978)
- 262. Paul VI (1963-78)
- 261. St. John XXIII (1958-63)
- 260. Pius XII (1939-58)
- 259. Pius XI (1922-39)
- 258. Benedict XV (1914-22)
- 257. St. Pius X (1903-14)
- 256. Leo XIII (1878-1903)
- 255. Blessed Pius IX (1846-78)

↑ (Claimed "Apostolic succession")

1. **Simon Peter**



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No!



For we are God's fellow workers.
You are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me,
like a skilled master builder **I laid a foundation**,
and someone else is building upon it.

Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

**For no one can lay a foundation other than
that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

(1 Corinthians 3:9-11)

...he stayed a
year and six
months, **teaching
the word of God**
among them.
(Acts 18:9-11)

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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,** in Whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Their witness and teaching

(Ephesians 2:19-21)

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The message

“And I tell you, you are **Peter**,
and on **this rock** I will build My church...”

HIS ekklesia!

What the Lord was going to build was entirely new!

- His *ekklesia* would be Jews and Gentiles with **revelation of Christ**
- His *ekklesia* would be built by the proclamation of **the Gospel**
- His *ekklesia* would be in the world but **not of the world**

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*“And I tell you, you are **Peter**,
and on **this rock** I will build My church...”*

Why is **Peter** spoken of as “**this rock**”?

- Peter had confessed Christ after receiving **revelation**
- Peter spoke for and was **first** among the apostles
- Peter would **begin the work** among the Jews and Gentiles

Acts 1 to 12

Acts 2, Acts 10

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- “Yes, but have they been converted?”
- “I was changed.”
- “If anyone is in Christ...” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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The implications

1. Revelation, not ritual

2. The apostles' teaching

3. Boldness in faith and action

- Unashamed of the Scripture
- Wisdom through humility and understanding
- Doctrine that leads to godliness

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- 3. Boldness in faith and action**

- The keys
- Prayer with faith
- Humility, love and grace

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A new creation

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(Matthew 16:18)