

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Sixteen

- What did Jesus mean when He said to the Pharisees and Sadducees “you cannot interpret the signs of the times”?
- What does it take to be someone who understands the times?
- Why did Jesus refuse their request for a miraculous sign?
- What did Jesus mean by the warning, ““Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees””?
- What can our own generation learn from this warning?
- What specific man-made teachings do you see Christians running after that are nowhere found in the Word?
- Peter confessed Jesus as both Messiah and Son of God. (16:16) Why is it significant to understand this full revelation of the identity of Jesus?
- Jesus told Peter that he had received a revelation from God the Father. Do you think Christians today can expect to receive revelations from God? Why or why not?
- How does **1 Corinthians 3:11** add insight into Jesus’ words to Peter?
- Jesus told the disciples about His future in 16:21–23. Why did Jesus respond to Peter’s outburst with such force (16:23)?
- In 16:24 Jesus explained the cost of following Him. What did He say we must do to be His followers?
- How would you explain what it means to “deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” to a brand new believer?
- Why is a life of self-denial so difficult?
- What does it mean to save one’s own life and still lose it?
- What does it mean to lose one’s life for the sake of Jesus?