

***A FRESH LOOK AT  
JESUS' CHURCH***



**Nearly two-thirds (64%) of young adults who grow up in church now walk away from the church when they get on their own.**

**(<https://www.barna.com/research/resilient-disciples>)**

**80% of churches in the United States either show signs of sickness or are very sick. Another 10% are dying.**

**(Thomas Rainer, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*)**

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**So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."  
(Matthew 16:14)**

**He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)**

**Simon Peter answered and said,  
"You are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God." (Matthew 16:16)**

**Jesus answered and said to him,  
"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah,  
for flesh and blood has not revealed  
this to you, but My Father who is in  
heaven." (Matthew 16:17)**

**“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”  
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***PETROS* (Peter) – a stone or rock**

***PETRA* = a foundation stone or bedrock**



**Every church must also respond correctly to the question, *What is the church's relationship with Him?***

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**1. Jesus' church is His people,  
all those who confess Him  
and belong to Him.**

***A group of Christ-followers  
living out His mission***

**2. The church belongs to Him.**

**On this rock I will build My church.**

**3. He builds it.**

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2. Who belong *to Him* . . .
3. That *He builds*

