

I have already greeted the new students last Monday but this is my first occasion to welcome the old students back and tell you I am glad you are all here and hope that God will bless us together during the year will lead in all things. I want to remind you again that I myself give a great part of my time to research and study and writing, but that I am personally greatly interested in every one of you and I want to give any help I can to you. I have a very poor memory of faces and some of the new students last year I probably don't recognize their faces, while I probably know a great deal about you by name. So if there is any time I can be of help to you please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Please make appointments through the registrar's office . . . If there is a real emergency I'll see you any time.

Now this morning since it is our first meeting of the new year and since we are preparing those who are to serve Christ's church, I'm going to speak about the church. We find that the church of Christ is only mentioned in two passages in the Gospels. It is found greatly in the Epistles, but only two passages in the Gospels. I want to look at one of them this morning. So please open your Bibles to the 16th Chapter of Matthew -- one of the two places in ~~the~~ the Gospels where we find the Church mentioned by name. Here I would like to deal with the passage from vs. 13 to ~~22~~ 27. I would like to notice 13 different matters that are brought out in this. In a short chapel we can't talk at ~~3~~ any great length about 13 different subjects. One or two of them I will take a fair amount of time on; others we will merely glance at. But I think that there is something important to us in every one of these 13 matters that are brought out in these vs. from 13 to 27.

"When Jesus came into the borders of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" I call this No. 1= A General Question: Who do people say that this Jesus? Our present world has been turning away from Christ, and you will find that *lots* of people are forgetting.