

The Puzzling Statements of Jesus
Part 1 – BINDING, LOOSING AND FORGIVING

Most of the time Jesus was very clear in what he said. But there are small number of statements he made, that can leave you thinking, “What did He mean by that?” Once we understand their meaning, however, these truths can be life-changing.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19)

I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:18)

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven, if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven (John 20:23)

These verses are not teaching us that we can get Jesus do whatever we want for us. He's not a genie in a bottle.

Neither do we have the power to forgive sins.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5)

These verses do not teach us that Peter was the first Pope.

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:15-19)

What these verses do teach us is that every Believer has an awesome responsibility. Every Christian Believer holds some keys for making a difference in this world. As a Christian Believer you are given the keys to open the door of faith in the lives of those you meet.