



# Doug's Reflection

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I'm drawn today to the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew. This is where Jesus asks "who do you say that I am?" And Peter answers by acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus then responds to Peter by telling him that "you are Petros, and upon this Petra I will build my church." This is where digging into the original Greek language can really help us to relate to this verse. "Petros" is a rock, a boulder, or a single stone. "Petra" is bedrock, or a cliff of many stones. You might say that the Church is "Petros"; the rock upon which we place our faith. It might also be said that we, as members of the Church, comprise "Petra," a cliff of many stones. The Church is comprised of a "cloud of witnesses" as Paul put it. Are you a member of that cloud? And back to the word "Petra" --- are you one of the stones in that cliff upon which Christ builds His church?