

# Matthew 16:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

## Analysis

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This verse reveals profound theological truth central to Reformed understanding of Scripture. The passage demonstrates God's sovereignty and grace working through human circumstances. Christ's teaching here challenges contemporary religious assumptions while pointing to deeper spiritual realities.

## Historical Context

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This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?
2. What practical application does this truth have in your daily walk?
3. How should this verse shape your priorities and decisions?

## Interlinear Text

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τότε	διεστείλατο	τοῖς	μαθηταῖς	αὐτός	ἵνα	μηδενὶ
<b>Then</b>	<b>charged he</b>	G3588	<b>disciples</b>	<b>he</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>no man</b>
G5119	G1291		G3101	G846	G2443	G3367
εἰπωσιν	ὅτι	αὐτός	ἐστιν	Ἰησοῦς	ὁ	Χριστός
<b>they should tell</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>he</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	G3588	<b>the Christ</b>
G2036	G3754	G846	G2076	G2424		G5547

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 8:30** (Parallel theme): And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

**Luke 9:21** (Parallel theme): And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing;

**Matthew 17:9** (References Jesus): And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

**John 1:41** (References Christ): He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

**Matthew 8:4** (References Jesus): And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.