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Inspired by God

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Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed[c] in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (Matthew 16: 13-20)

St. Peter follows Jesus and allows himself to be inspired by God. The Truth about Jesus, true God and true Man, which St. Peter proclaims to everyone cannot come from simple human nature. In particular, Jesus exalts St. Peter by calling him blessed because he let himself be inspired by God. Let us also strive to follow St. Peter's example when the opinions of the world tend to confuse us.