



The apostles return from a campaign across Galilee (9:1-10). Jesus takes them to Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13), to the “gates of hell” for a de-brief. The disciples had been across Galilee preaching during their 1<sup>st</sup> preaching tour. Who is everyone saying that Jesus is? It’s time for war and Jesus puts the apostles on the offensive squad – “Charge!”

Jesus takes them to the “Gates of Hell,” the seat of:

- Apostasy – Dan
- False Religion –Pan
- Immorality – Fertility Cult

At the “Gates of Hell” we learn about who Jesus Christ is:

- Man’s declaration
- Church’s declaration
- Jesus’ declaration

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Fight God’s War God’s Way!*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ has Revealed that Man Fights Wrongly

What does Peter, Augustine, Roman Catholicism, Protestants and the Crusades teach us? *That man doesn’t know how to win this war!*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ has Revealed that God has a Fight-Plan

We’re IN a fight (2 Tim. 4:7; 1 Tim. 6:12) and SING about our fight (Onward Christian Soldiers). But do we *understand* how to fight?

2 Corinth. 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:10-20; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16

### 3. So What?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word of God

2) \_\_\_\_\_ with the Word of God