

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Feb 16th 2012**

Peter's profession of faith is a breakthrough and Jesus tells Peter to tell no one about him. This is called the Messianic Secret. The reason for it, probably, is that the current expectations of the Messiah in no way matched the reality of Jesus. People expected the Messiah to be a political leader. Peter began to show signs of a deeper understanding. The second part of his teaching begins; it will end with the crucifixion and resurrection. He is to be a totally different kind of Messiah. His way is to be the way of suffering, humility, and defeat.

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