

**Reflection Questions:** Am I following Jesus? What will taking up my cross and losing my life involve this week? How much am I willing to sacrifice for my beliefs? When am I ashamed of Jesus and His words? What must I do to overcome this?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



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*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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#### **Quotes to Ponder**

*To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only Him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us. ... all that self-denial can say is: "He leads the way, keep close to Him."*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*I believe I am not mistaken in saying that Christianity is a demanding and serious religion. When it is delivered as easy and amusing, it is another kind of religion altogether.*

Neil Postman

*True saving faith is characterized by self-denial, cross bearing, and submissive obedience.*

John MacArthur

*Every Christian must be a Crucian.*

Martin Luther

*If Jesus Christ be God, and He died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.*

C.T. Studd

*The cross is our only hope; the cross is our eternal comfort; the cross is our calling.*

Paul Tripp

*The paradox of salvation is that it costs us nothing, yet it costs us everything.*

Mark L. Strauss

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

*Matthew 16:24-28* —

*Mark 8:34-9:1* —

*Luke 9:23-27* —

3. Why does Jesus summon *the crowd with His disciples* in *Mark 8:34*?

4. What requirements does Jesus give for those who want to *come after Him* (*Mark 8:34*)?

What do each of these mean?

A.

B.

C.

5. What does it mean to lose our life in order to save it (*Mark 8:35*)?

6. What is the condition given in *Mark 8:35* for losing one's life to save it?

7. What are some ways that we try to save our life when we should be

losing it (*Mark 8:35*)?

8. What are the implications of Jesus' two questions in *Mark 8:36-37*?

9. What do the following verses add to your understanding of *Mark 8:36*?  
*Matthew 4:8-10* —

*Luke 4:5-8* —

*Luke 12:16-21* —

10. Read *Mark 8:37*. What did Jesus give in exchange for our souls?

11. How do we show that we are ashamed of Jesus and His words (*Mark 8:38*)?

What does it mean that *the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him*?

12. What is Jesus referring to in *Mark 8:38* when He refers to coming *in the glory of His Father with the holy angels*?

13. What is Jesus predicting in *Mark 9:1*?

14. What do these verses say about being a follower of Jesus?  
*Luke 14:26* — *Philippians 3:7-11* —

*John 8:31* —

*1 Peter 2:21* —

*John 15:14* —