

LESSON 12
 THE TRANSFIGURATION
 JULY 1, 2020

True discipleship
 Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27

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Jesus' rebuke to Peter: (Matthew 16:23)

1. ***"Get behind Me ..."***
2. ***"Satan ..."***
3. ***"You are a stumbling block to Me"***
4. ***"You are not setting your mind on God's interests but man's."***

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He must ... (Matthew 16:24)

1. ***"Deny himself"*** - (Titus 2:12)
2. ***"Take up his cross daily"*** - (Luke 9:23)
3. ***"Follow Me"*** - (Luke 9:57-61)

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"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (Matthew 16:25)

- In Mark 8:35, ***"... whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it."***
- Stated in Matthew 10:39, ***"He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it."***

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"He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."
 (2 Corinthians 5:15)

"For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."
 (Romans 14:7-8)

None of Self and All of Thee

Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow, That a time could ever be,
 When I proudly said to Jesus, "All of self, and none of Thee."
 Yet He found me; I beheld Him, Bleeding on th' accursed tree,
 And my wistful heart said faintly, "Some of self, and some of Thee."
 Day by day His tender mercy, Healing, helping, full and free,
 Brought me lower while I whispered, "Less of self, and more of Thee."
 Higher than the highest heaven, Deeper than the deepest sea,
 Lord, Thy love at last has conquered: "None of self, and all of Thee."

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“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

What expectations were the apostles yet harboring regarding the nature of the kingdom?

Jesus continues to contrast the fleshly with the spiritual following Peter’s rebuke of Jesus.

“What then ...?”

- **“Profit”** – “to be useful or advantageous” ^(Thayer) (John 6:63; 1 Corinthians 13:3; Hebrews 4:2)
- **“Forfeit”** – Paul, “...suffered the **loss of all things...that I may gain Christ ...**” (Philippians 3:7-11; cf. Luke 16:25)

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“For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.”

(Matthew 16:27; cf. Jeremiah 17:9-10)

The need to consider **“the end”** (Psalms 73:17) when assessing profit and loss. (Luke 12:16-21)

Described as an **“accounting”** (Matthew 25:19; Luke 16:2).

“Repay” – “requite” or “recompense, in a good or bad sense.” ^(Thayer) (2 Timothy 4:8)

On the basis of our **“deeds”** – what we have and haven’t done. (Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10)

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“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26)

Still speaking of His upcoming crucifixion and the need to **“deny himself,” “take up his cross daily,”** and **“follow Me,”** unashamedly.

True disciples are proud of **who He is** and **what He taught!** (John 12:48-49; note Mark 8:35; Romans 1:16)

Otherwise, Jesus is ashamed of us and will deny any relationship with us. (Luke 13:27; Matthew 25:41-46; Hebrews 2:11; 11:16)

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“Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.” (Matthew 16:28)

Mark 9:1 mentions the imminence of the kingdom but here, Jesus’ role in that kingdom is the focus.

Discipleship is about seeking Jesus’ reign in His kingdom over us. (cf. Luke 19:14, 27; Ephesians 1:19-23)

“His kingdom” – **“My church”**