

**MATTHEW:  
THE GOSPEL  
OF THE KINGDOM**

## **The Way of Discipleship**

Matthew 16:24-28

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### **COMING AFTER JESUS (24)**

Then Jesus told his disciples,  
“If anyone would come after me,  
let him deny himself  
and take up his cross  
and follow me.

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### **SAVING YOUR LIFE (25)**

For whoever would *save* his life will *lose* it,  
but whoever *loses* his life *for my sake*  
will *find* it.

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### **THE WORTH OF THE SOUL (26)**

For what will it profit a man  
if he *gains* the whole world  
and *forfeits* his soul?  
Or what shall a man *give* in return for his soul?

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## THE REPAYMENT FOR OUR LIVES (27)

For the *Son of Man* is going to come  
with his angels  
in the glory of his Father,  
and then he will *repay* each person  
according to what he has done.

## A PREVIEW OF THE KINGDOM (28)

*Truly*, I say to you,  
there are some standing here  
who will *not* taste death  
*until* they see the Son of Man  
coming in his kingdom.”

## Application/Participation

- We have here a rich *Christological statement* (His Angels, His Father, His Kingdom) made by Jesus Himself, pointing to Himself as supreme Judge.
- A *call to follow Jesus* isn't a mere adjustment or enhancement to our regular lives. It is a call to complete, ongoing, and lifelong commitment and devotion to the will of God in Christ.
  - This flies in the face of the majority of our culture, where self-definition and self-realization is the driving force of self-fulfillment.
- The *challenge to apply* our Christ-following cross-bearing at two levels:
  - *Macro* - a whole life commitment and submission to Jesus
  - *Micro* - the daily acts of love, service, humility, confession, etc.
  - In preparation for the Lord's Supper...
- *What will you do in pursuit of saving your life?* Do you wish to save it? Then the only way to do it is to let it go for Jesus' sake as His disciple, with the promise that in the end you will gain it.