

“FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS”

Mark 8:34-38

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I. What does it mean to follow a Suffering Messiah? (vv. 34)

“Calling the crowd to himself”

“deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”

Jesus calls us to follow His footsteps in a _____ life.

Romans 8:17

Galatians 5:13

Titus 2:11-12

1 Peter 4:1ff

“It could be said that Christ not only had a cross continually placed upon him when he lived on earth, but even that his life was nothing other than a kind of perpetual cross... Why, then, would we exempt ourselves from the same situation to which Christ our head was subjected?”

-John Calvin

“When Jesus calls a man he bids him to come and die.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“We are not our own: let us therefore forget ourselves as much as we can-ourselves and everything around us. ... We are the Lord’s: let us live and die for him. We are the Lord’s: let his will and wisdom govern all we do.”

-John Calvin

**II. What promise accompanies this call to follow in His footsteps?
(vv. 35)**

“whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s sake”.

“will save it.”

Jesus _____ that those who follow _____ their lives.

Philippians 3:10-11
Hebrews 10:34-35

"Submit to death, the death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and the death of your whole body in the end... and you will find eternal life." C.S. Lewis

"Following the crucified Christ means following the conquering Christ who will share with all his people the blessings of his conquest." Sinclair Ferguson

"Taking up your cross means for you to die to self-determination, die to control of your own life, die to using him for your agenda." Tim Keller

III. What if we don't follow in His footsteps? (vv. 35-38)

"For whoever would save his life will lose it"

"what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul/life?"

"what can a man give in return for his soul?"

"of him will the Son of Man be ashamed..."

Those who seek to _____ their life _____ it.

Job 2:4
Isaiah 40
Matthew 10:32-33
1 Corinthians 7:31
1 John 2:17

"The human animal is a beast that eventually has to die. If he's got money, he buys and he buys and he buys. The reason he buys everything he can is because of some crazy hope that one of the things he buys will be life everlasting."

-Tennessee Williams

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose."

-Jim Elliot