



FOLLOW ME: MADE BY JESUS / MESSAGE 7

SURRENDER: COME AFTER ME

MATTHEW 16:24–28

BIG IDEA

Following Jesus means surrendering ourselves to His road, trusting that what is lost for Him will be found when He comes in glory.

FOLLOW → LOSE → FIND

MATTHEW 16:23

“Get behind Me.”

MATTHEW 16:24

“If anyone wishes to come after Me...”

ὀπίσω μου (opisō mou)

behind Me / after Me

Jesus has just told Peter where a disciple belongs.

Now He tells him what life in that place requires.

I. Jesus defines what it means to follow Him.

MATTHEW 16:24 | NASB95

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

MATTHEW 16:24

DENY YOURSELF



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS



FOLLOW ME

DENY YOURSELF

Self-denial is not the denial of personhood.
It is the denial of self-lordship.

What I want is not the authority.
What I think makes sense is not the authority.

Jesus is.

**When what I want collides with
what Jesus wants, who moves?**

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

SHAME · EXECUTION · DEATH

LUKE 9:23 — “daily”

Christ's cross accomplishes redemption.
Our cross-bearing describes the costly path of following the Redeemer.

FOLLOW ME

DENY YOURSELF — surrender self-rule
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS — accept the cost
FOLLOW ME — stay behind Jesus

A disciple does not ask Jesus to follow the life he has chosen. A disciple surrenders himself to follow the road Jesus chooses.



II. Jesus reveals what is truly gained and lost.

MATTHEW 16:25 | NASB95

25 “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

MATTHEW 16:26 | NASB95

26 “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?

SAVE → LOSE

LOSE FOR CHRIST → FIND

“for My sake” — Matthew 16:25

Christ is the reason loss becomes gain.

ψυχή (psychē)

life · soul · self

Matthew 16:25 — life / life

Matthew 16:26 — soul / soul

Luke 9:25 — “loses or forfeits himself”

You can gain everything around you and still lose you.

THE WHOLE WORLD

PROFIT → GAIN → FORFEIT → EXCHANGE

You can gain everything and still lose everything.

What am I unwilling to lose in order to follow Jesus?

What if keeping it costs me faithfulness to Christ?

Jesus knows how the books close because He is the One who closes them.

III. Jesus promises that glory is coming.

MATTHEW 16:27 | NASB95

27 “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 16:28 | NASB95

28 “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.”

NOW → THEN

**Peter is calculating according to what happens now.
Jesus tells him to calculate according to what happens
then.**

CROSS NOW → GLORY THEN

SON OF MAN · GLORY · KINGDOM · DOMINION

DANIEL 7:13–14

PETER SEES

SUFFERING → DEATH

JESUS REVEALS

SUFFERING → DEATH → RESURRECTION → GLORY

Peter is not wrong to expect glory.
He is wrong to reject God's road to it.

MATTHEW 16:27 | NASB95

“WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS”

Judgment according to deeds

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Justification by deeds

Deeds disclose allegiance; they are not the meritorious ground of justification.

A PREVIEW, NOT THE FULL ARRIVAL

Matthew 16:28



Matthew 17:1 — “Six days later...”



Matthew 17:2 — Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John

2 Peter 1:16–18 — “eyewitnesses of His majesty”

**The Transfiguration previews the coming kingdom.
It does not exhaust Christ's future coming.**

THE MESSAGE IN ONE VIEW

I. FOLLOW HIM

DENY YOURSELF → TAKE UP YOUR CROSS → FOLLOW ME

II. TRUST HIS ACCOUNTING

SAVE → LOSE · LOSE FOR CHRIST → FIND

III. LOOK TO HIS GLORY

CROSS NOW → GLORY THEN

FOLLOW → LOSE → FIND



**A disciple can surrender everything to
Jesus because nothing surrendered to
Jesus is ultimately lost.**

MATTHEW 17:1 “And six days later...”

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