



Mark 8:34-38 NIV

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”



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The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,



Mark 1:32-34 NIV

32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door, 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Previous Scripture: Mark 1:1;

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27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

28 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

29 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Previous Scripture: Mark 1:32-34;

Mark 1:1; Mark 8:34-38



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31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Previous Scripture: Mark 8:27-30;

Mark 1:32-34; Mark 1:1



I. We Must Surrender
Ourselves Completely To Him

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I. We Must Surrender
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Luke 14:25-27 NIV

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.



I. We Must Surrender
Ourselves Completely To Him
Luke 14:33 NIV

In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.



II. We Must Identify With Him
In Suffering And Death
Mark 8:34b NIV



take up their cross



II. We Must Identify With Him
In Suffering And Death
Galatians 5:24 NIV



Those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires.



II. We Must Identify With Him
In Suffering And Death
Galatians 6:14 NIV

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.



III. We Must Follow Him
Obediently, Wherever He Leads
Mark 8:34c NIV

and follow me.



III. We Must Follow Him
Obediently, Wherever He Leads
Matthew 10:38-39 NIV

38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.



III. We Must Follow Him
Obediently, Wherever He Leads
1 Peter 2:21 NIV

To this you were called,
because Christ suffered for you,
leaving you an example, that
you should follow in his steps.



III. We Must Follow Him
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Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast.