

## ***The Real Cost of Following the Real Jesus*** **Mark 8:27-38**

The 12 finally figure out Jesus is the Messiah—but now begins the hard-to-swallow explanations of His fate and what it will cost to follow Him.

### ***Question: Who do people / you say that I am? 7:27-30***

Lots of opinions here. Why secrecy still pushed (cf. 1:34, 3:12)?

### ***Prediction: Jesus foretells His fate, 7:31-32a***

\*First of three times Jesus predicts His fate, 9:30-31, 10:32-24.

\*Each time = confused reactions and a lesson on discipleship.

### ***Reaction: Peter protests Jesus' fate, 32b-33***

\*Why does Peter rebuke Jesus (see *rebuke* in v. 33, 1:24, 3:12)?

\*Why does Jesus so roughly rebuke Peter in return? See Matt. 4:10, 16:23, and consider Satan's plan vs. God's.

### ***Lesson: Jesus explains a disciple / non-disciple's fate, 7:34-38***

\*Understanding Jesus' fate is crucial to understand a disciple's.

\*Shocking invitation: following Jesus = a cross and self-denial!

Note it's a continual process—Lk. 9:23 “daily” cross-bearing.

\*Paradoxical proposal: lose one's life to save it, (*soul = life*)!

Matt. 16:25 has *find life*. Idea in Jn. 12:27 = a significant life.

\*Rhetorical questions: what in the world is worth one's life?

A better bargain / profit seen in Lk. 12:16-21, Phil. 3:7-9.

\*Warning of shame: J-Day, Matt. 16:27; *shame* in I Jn. 2:28.



What's your view  
of Jesus?

What's your view  
of following Him  
as a disciple?