



Matt. 16:24-28

Further Study: This week, whether you ponder alone or discuss in a Grace Group, consider the following:

- What does it mean to come after Jesus? What things can spoil this pursuit (Rev. 2:2-4)?
- Following Jesus involves humility, submission, and obedience. How would you define each of these qualities? How have you experienced them in your life, and how have they enabled you to faithfully follow Jesus?
- What does Jesus mean when HE speaks of finding life?
- What dichotomy exists in Jesus' statement about life, and how might the seed and Sower analogy help us understand this (Matt. 13:22-23)?
- What does it mean to be spiritually bankrupt (1 John 2:15-17), and how is this the goal of the enemy (Matt. 4:8-10)?
- How does His First Coming (Incarnation) reveal humility and masked glory (Phil. 2:7-8) and Jesus' desire for His followers to see Him once again in His full glory (John 17:24)?
- What is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and how is the final separation connected to it?
 - How does practicing sin (1 John 3:8-9) reveal that one does not belong to Jesus and will sadly receive damnation (Eph. 2:1-3)?
 - How does practicing righteousness (1 John 2:28-29) reveal one belongs to Jesus and has salvation (Eph. 2:8-10)?
 - How does Paul compare and contrast these two realities (Rom. 6:23)?
- What is the Transfiguration, and how are we to understand it in light of Jesus' words in Matt. 16:28? How does Peter, one of the three who witnessed this event, clarify what it means (2 Peter 1:16-18)?