

The Messiah Foretells His Death and Future Glory (First Time): Total Commitment Mathew 16: 21–28

(Mk 8:31-9:1; Lk 9:22-27)

1 *His death required*

total commitment on His part

- a. His death was necessary:
He “must go” to suffer
 - 1) In Jerusalem
 - 2) To suffer many things
 - 3) To be killed
 - 4) To be raised
- b. His death arouses a reaction from natural man:
Rejects the idea of salvation through a “suffering Saviour”
- c. His death shows man to be an adversary of God
- d. His death reveals man’s true nature:
A longsuffering for a human Saviour of power and deliverance

2 *His death demands*

total commitment on our part

- a. Must will to follow Christ
- b. Must deny self
- c. Must take up the cross
- d. Must follow Christ

3 *His death offers four reasons for total commitment*

- a. An abandonment of this life saves a man
- b. A man’s soul is worth more than the whole world

21 From that time on

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside

and began to rebuke him.

“Never, Lord!” he said.

“This shall never happen to you!”

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter,

“Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples,

“If anyone would come after me,

he must deny himself

and take up his cross and follow me.

25 For whoever wants to save his life

will lose it,

but whoever loses his life for me

will find it.

26 What good will it be for a man

if he gains the whole world,

yet forfeits his soul?

Or

what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

c. A day of judgment is coming d. A promise is given — the promise of never having to taste death	27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. 28 I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
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