

Jesus Gives Three Requirements for Following Him (Luke 9:23)

Jesus Asks the Most Important Question in the World (Luke 9:18-22)

<i>Matt 16:13; Mark 8:27</i>	1. An Interesting Place
¹⁸ And it happened, as He was alone praying, <i>that</i> His disciples <u>joined</u> Him,	2. Jesus' Characteristic Praying
and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"	3. Question #1: The People's View of Jesus
¹⁹ So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."	4. People Consider Three Possibilities a. <i>John the Baptist</i> b. <i>Elijah</i> c. <i>One of the Old Prophets Risen</i>
²⁰ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"	5. Question #2: Their Personal View of Jesus
Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."	6. Peter's Pronouncement a. <i>Old Testament Ruler</i> b. <i>New Testament Rescuer</i> 7. Jesus States the True Source "flesh and blood has not revealed <i>this</i> to you, but My Father who is in heaven." (Matt 16:17a)
²¹ And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,	8. Jesus Gives Them a Strange Warning
²² saying, "The Son of Man must (<i>dei</i>) suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."	9. Jesus Explains What Needs to Happen a. <i>Jesus needs to suffer many things</i> b. <i>Jesus needs to be rejected</i> c. <i>Jesus needs to be killed</i> d. <i>Jesus needs to be raised</i>
	10. How Do I Answer This Question? a. <i>Who Do _I_ Say Jesus Is?</i> b. <i>What Is My View of Jesus?</i>

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Then He said to [them] all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

²³ Ἐλεγεν δὲ πρὸς πάντας· εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεσθαι, ἀρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καθ' ἡμέραν καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι.	And <u>he was saying</u> to all, If anyone is desiring after me to be coming, let him deny (x!) himself and let him take up (x!) the cross of him according to a day, during a day, throughout a day and let him be following (~!) me.
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1. The Audience:

"Then He said to [them] all"

2. The Condition:

"If anyone desires to come after Me"

- a. **If Anyone – all _____ (not just leaders)**
- b. **Is Desiring – Should we? Why?**
- c. **To Be Coming After Jesus – _____ relationship**
 - o To become what He is (1 John 2:6)
 - o To love Him for what He has done (1 John 4:19)
 - o To fulfill His purpose for Us (Titus 2:11-14)

3. The Requirements:

"let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

- a. **Deny (x!) Yourself: Say _____ to Self**
 - Deny
 - Yourself
- b. **Take Up (x!) Your Cross Daily: Say _____ to Death**
 - Take Up Your Cross
 - Daily
- c. **Be Following (~!) Jesus**
 - Ongoing _____
 - Defines _____ you are focused on
 - Defines who / what you are _____ focused on