

### **Matthew 16:21-28 New Living Translation**

**21** From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

**22** But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

**23** Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

**24** Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. **25** If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. **26** And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? **27** For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. **28** And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

What traditions does your family observe for Resurrection Sunday?

Read Matthew 4:18-20. What do you know about Peter? How would you describe his character and personality?

In his book, *The Emotionally Healthy Leader*, author Peter Scazzero defines the shadow like this: "Your shadow is the accumulation of tuned emotions, less-than-pure motives and thoughts that, while largely unconscious, strongly influence and shape your behaviors. It is the damaged but mostly hidden version of who you are."

How would you describe this *shadow* in your own words?

In the sermon, John said, "The trouble is our shadow will undermine our relationships with God and others." How have you seen this in your own life?

Read Matthew 16:21-28. How does Peter's shadow show up in this story?

What happens when we see things "merely from a human point of view, not from God's"?

In the sermon, John said, "Jesus wants us to come face to face with our shadow self, because we can't repent if we don't know what to repent from." How have you come face to face with your shadow self?

How does Jesus give us the courage to face our shadow self?

How can your group pray for you this week?

**Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**

**Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?**

**Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**