

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Mark -The Simple Gospel | Week 28: Wherever He Leads

## **Mark 8:34-9:1 (NLT)**

<sup>34</sup>Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. <sup>36</sup>And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? <sup>37</sup>Is anything worth more than your soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went on to say, “I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!”

**Confessing Christ means we must follow him to crucifixion.**

**The cross is for all who follow Christ.**

**A cross is something that specifically comes from walking in Christ’s footsteps and embracing His life.**

## **Luke 9:23 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup>Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

**By giving up our physical lives for Jesus and for His Gospel, we gain true spiritual life.**

## **1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)**

<sup>31</sup>Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.

## **1 John 2:17 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup>And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

**Losers are keepers and keepers are losers.**

## **Romans 1:16-17 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. <sup>17</sup>This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

“The Christian life is a throwaway life. Every moment that we live without rejection, affliction, and death is grace. But our destiny as the people of God is to be thrown into the garbage by the powers of this world and of this age, and there is no way to glamorize that. So Jesus said, “Count the cost. If you want to follow Me, it will cost you your life.” **R.C. Sproul**