

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:

*“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.”*

Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 30, 2018

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING? (vv. 21-23)

From that time Jesus began showing his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN? (v. 24)

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

WHY DID JESUS SAY THAT?

1. **Following Christ requires _____ faith.** (v. 25)
For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

2. **Your _____ is supremely important.** (v. 26)
For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

3. _____ **is coming.** (vv. 27-28)

For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

(Mark 8:38)

TRAIN READING PLAN: September 30-October 6

-Psalm 116; 2 Corinthians 2

-Psalm 117; 2 Corinthians 3

-Psalm 118; 2 Corinthians 4

-Psalm 119:1-16; 2 Corinthians 5

-Psalm 119:17-32; 2 Corinthians 6

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