

# ***Today's Passage: Matthew 16:21-27***

*The cost to following Christ.*

Vs. 21-23

**1. God's plan does not always sound like your plan.**

Isaiah 53:4-6, Luke 24:6-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Proverbs 3:12, Luke 12:11-12

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Vs. 24

**2. Following Christ is more than a cheap thrill. It will cost you everything.**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Galatians 2:20, Ecclesiastes 6:11-12

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Vs. 25-27

**3. The true value of life can only be known by its author.**

Ecclesiastes 6:11-12, John 12:24, Matthew 4:8-10

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**Take away verse: Matthew 16:24**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.