

The Patibulum
Matthew #110
Matthew 16:24-27

Jesus has just spoken about His suffering and death, now He mentions the taking up of a cross, denying yourself and following Him.

Discipleship requires more than a casual desire to follow Jesus.

The verb “let him deny” is not *maybe* or *might* but speaks of a definite obligation, an absolute necessity to deny self.

Take up your cross is a reference to the death march

Denying self is not the same as self-denial

The concept (taking up your cross) should never be cheapened by applying it to enduring some irritation or even a major burden

A cross is something that requires us to deny our way of doing things and to choose God’s way of doing things.