

**Take Up Your Cross!**

**16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

**17 Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Matthew 16:16-17"**

**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. Matthew 16:21 NLT**

**Jesus's Way!**

**2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. 1 John 2:2**

**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!"**

**Matthew 16:22**

**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."**

**Matthew 16:23**

**“...You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's.” Matthew 16:23**



**Our Way**

**9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so my ways are higher than your ways and my  
thoughts higher than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9 NLT**

**2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.**

**James 1:2-4**

**So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict. Galatians 5:16-17 NLT**

# The Way Of The Cross

**24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24**

***We Are Called To Lay  
Something Down!***

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**We Are Called To Lift Something  
Up !**

**24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24**

**We Are Called To Live  
Something Out!**

**24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.**

**Matthew 16:24**

**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?**

**Matthew 16:25-26 NLT**