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Discipleship is Costly

Jesus Foretells His Death and Future Glory (1st Time):

Total Commitment, Matthew 16:21-28

1. His death required total commitment on His part (v.21-23)
 - a. His Death was Necessary. He “must go” to suffer (v.21)
 - i. In Jerusalem (v.21a)
 - ii. To suffer (v.21b)
 - iii. To be killed (v.21c)
 - iv. To be raised (v.21d)
 - b. His death arouses natural man (v.22)
 - c. His death shows man to be an adversary of God (v.23a)
 - d. His death reveals man's true nature (v.23b)
2. His death demands total commitment from a man (v.24)
 - a. Must will to follow (v.24a)
 - b. Must deny self (v.24b)
 - c. Must take up the cross (v.24c)
 - d. Must follow Jesus (v.24d)
3. His death offers four arguments for total commitment (v.25-28)
 - a. An abandonment of this life saves a man (v.25)
 - b. A man's soul is worth more than the whole world (v.26)
 - c. A day of judgment is coming (v.27)
 - d. A promise is given—the promise of never having to taste death (v.28)