

## **Becoming Jesus' Disciple**

*Mark 8:34–38*

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**MAIN IDEA:** Jesus told His disciples that He came on a divine rescue missions, to live, to die, and to rise again in order to give His life as a ransom payment to God for all those who would ever believe in Him. But if you want to benefit from Jesus' rescue mission, it will cost you everything, including your life.

### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

- I. The Shocking Conditions for Becoming His Disciple (34)
  - A. "He must deny himself"
  - B. "He must...take up his cross"
    1. 1. Willing to lay down our life for Him (Rev. 12:11)
    2. 2. Willing to bear the shame of being His follower (Lk. 6:22-23)
  - C. "He must...follow Me"
    1. Put Jesus & His kingdom first (Mt. 6:33)
    2. Serve Jesus wherever and however He chooses (2 Cor. 5:15)
    3. Obey His commands (Jn. 13:13; Lk. 6:46)
- II. The Compelling Arguments for Becoming His Disciple (35-38)
  - A. Jesus & His gospel are your only hope (35)
  - B. Your soul is your greatest treasure (36-37)
  - C. Jesus Christ will be your final Judge (38)

### **Three Groups Here Today...**

1. If you don't claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ, you need to do the math (Lk. 14:28-32).
2. If you claim to be a Christian, you need to examine the reality of your faith in light of these conditions.
3. If you're a true follower of Jesus, you need to remind yourself this is how your Christian life began and must continue—nothing has changed.

### **BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Luke 6:22–23. What do these verses teach about the response of the world to your Christian beliefs? Why should their reaction be an encouragement to us? What reward is promised in verse 23? Why must we keep this future reward in view during our present time?

